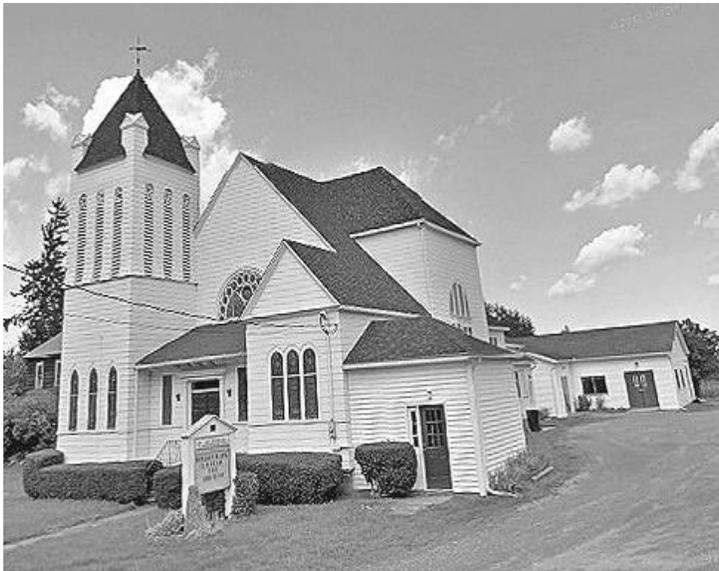


November & December Newsletter 2015

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



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Sunday Service at 9:30 am & Sunday School at 11:00 am

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Service at 11:00 am & Sunday School at 10:00am

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Pastor Chris' Corner

"Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground." - **Hebrews 11:36-38**

The eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews is one of my favorite chapters in the New Testament. This chapter is sometimes called "The Hall of Faith" in honor of God's faithful people from Able through Abraham and Moses and beyond. I encourage you to read it in its entirety as you are able.

This is an account of the role of faith in the early saints who followed hard after God and obeyed - even though they did not receive all for which they had hoped. These saints are all before Christ, before the Holy Spirit falls at Pentecost. The view of this chapter may be summed up in verse 6 - "And without faith it is impossible to please God."

Therefore, it seems fitting to me as I write this on All Saints Day, as we approach Advent and the Christmas season, we reflect on this passage. Too often, taking time to remember those who have gone before, or the work God has done in our world in and through them, is easily overlooked in our society. I hope as you're reading this, however, you'll take the opportunity to consider the saints in your life who have had influence on you.

Who was it in your life that first brought you the good news of Jesus Christ and God's unconditional love for you? Perhaps it was a parent or a brother or sister? Maybe it was a beloved former pastor or Sunday School teacher? It would be great if everyone who reads this note would take the time to name those special people in your hearts - it would be our own Hall of Faith!

For me, it was my boyhood pastor, Bob Leach, and my friend, Bernice. Both of them lived faith before me in such a way that finding my own faith was easier. There would also be a list of family, Sunday School teachers, and professors who shared their lives with me as examples in genuine Christian living.

Please take a moment to give thanks for these saints in your life. God has blessed us richly!

Also, take just a moment for a perhaps more difficult equally important question. Who in your life are you inviting into relationship with our living God through our Savior Jesus Christ? Who are you encouraging and challenging to live and walk in faith?

I believe the greatest gift we have received, the greatest gift we can give is an invitation -- an introduction to the lover of our souls.

May This Letter Encourage Your Soul in Christian Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Christopher R. Wylie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Chris



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

We made approx. \$4500.00 on our Apple Festival.

We paid \$1394 on the pastors benefit package. We still owe \$3269 by the end of the year.

We have not paid anything on our shares which total \$9804 for the year.

The rest of our bills/obligations are paid in full to date.

We have over \$2000. in the handicap fund.

In order to meet our basic budgeted needs we need \$962 a week. (our fund-raisers are over and above that amount)

Very seldom do we reach that weekly amount.

Please consider giving a bit more if you're able.

Thanks to all for your giving,

The Finance Committee

Millville Junior Church

Every Sunday during Church, All Kids Welcome

In addition to our playroom nursery service provided during church for children through 3 yrs old, we offer an exciting Jr Church program for 4 to 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

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 are also available. We meet in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Char Smith.





Breakfast Buffet Always the 3rd Saturday of the month

November 21st 8am—10:30am

December 19th 8am—10:30am

FREE WILL OFFERING

Featuring: breakfast casseroles, home fries, sausage or bacon, juice, quickbreads, coffee, tea.

Knowlesville Fellowship Hall, 3619 Knowlesville Road, Knowlesville, NY

Community Dinner Always the 3rd Wednesday of the Month

November 18 - Beef Stew on Biscuits, Applesauce, dessert & drink

December 16 - Chili, Cornbread, dessert & drink

FREE WILL OFFERING — 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Tell all your friends, family and neighbors, this might be the only meal some will get that day. If you or they need a ride please let us know!

Millville Fellowship Hall, 12573 Maple Ridge Road, Millville, NY

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Saturday, December 12th, 4:30 – 7:00pm

\$9.00 donation

Menu: Chicken with gravy, biscuit, real mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and drink.

All proceeds to benefit Handicap fund.

Abundant Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 15 is our Church wide Thanksgiving dinner.

Church service will begin at 10am at the Knowlesville location with the meal following.

Donation sheets have been posted in each church.

Please bring yourself, family and friends.

If you can't make the service, please come for the meal.

Come and fellowship and thank God for an Abundant Harvest.



New Years Eve Party

Abundant Harvest Missions Committee is sponsoring a New Years Eve party on Thursday December 31 from 7pm until midnight.

We ask that you bring a non perishable food item or toiletry item for the food pantry in Medina. Bring a snack or dish to pass. Bubbly and drinks will be provided. We'll have movies to watch, a lively game of bingo and other games. Bring your favorite game to play. There will also be prizes for bingo and door prizes.

There may be other things happening, if you have any suggestions or questions contact any of the missions committee.

Thanks,

Abundant Harvest Missions Committee

Cheryl Babcock, Diana Pask, Gail Culver, Ruth Higgins, and Linda Baker

Apple Festival Review

Our Apple Festival went very well, all the vendor spaces were rented and our Mystery boxes sold out by 12:30! The kitchen ran out of Beef on Weck and the pies, cheese, butter and vegetables sold well.

I would like to thank each and every person who helped in any way with the prep or execution of the Apple Festival. As they say many hands make for light work. We would not be able to do this event if not for all the volunteer hours that are put into making this day special.

A follow up meeting for the chairpersons is scheduled for Monday November 9 @ 6pm before the Ad Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend if you have an idea or concern for next year.

Thanks again,

Linda Baker

Thanksgiving Pies

Attached is an order blank for our Holiday Pies*

All orders must be in by Sunday November 8. There is a donation sheet posted in the back of the church. Donations due by November 8.

This is also the time when we thank our helpers and donators, by giving each a free pie. Just fill out an order sheet.

The following is a tentative work schedule:

Frozen Pies

Mon. Nov 9 8-4 rolling dough, peeling apples

Tues. Nov 10 8-3 dough rolling, putting pies together

Wed. Nov 11 if needed to finish

Baked Pies

Saturday Nov. 21 8-4 Rolling dough, Peeling apples

Sunday Nov 22 noon- 4 rolling dough

Monday Nov 23 8-4 putting pies together and baking

Tuesday Nov 24 6-4 Putting pies together, baking and pies being picked up.

There is always a job for everyone, either sit down or standup.

Thanks the Pie Princess

***Please pass this order form onto your friends, family, & co-workers.**

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.

The Pie and Gift shop did very well during the apple festival this year.

We are taking orders for Holiday pies until November 8th

The shop has a lot of new lighted art work and handmade

items, along with many new solar dancers. Come and check us out on Friday and Saturday 9-4. Every week. Our new sign for the fellowship hall should be in by the first of November. We are looking forward to having a new Abundant Harvest sign on our building.

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 regular meeting is November 4 @ 7pm with Dawn & Charlene as hostesses. The regular meeting for December is the 2nd @ 7pm with Joelle and Melynda as hostesses. Our Christmas Party is Sunday December 6 @ 12:30 – 3pm. Bring a dish to pass, \$5. Gift and 2 \$1. Gifts. We will exchange the \$5. Gift and use the \$1. Gift for prizes.

There may be more exciting & fun things happening. All Abundant Harvest Women and their family and friends are invited.



BIRTHDAY'S and ANNIVERSARIE'S

November Birthdays

Debbie Jones	3
Matt Jonidas	8
Jim Panek	10
Ruth Valentine	13
Tina Duset	13
Alex Benz	17
Andrea Benz	22
Elizabeth Dresser	24
Nathan Jonidas	25
Eulalie Panek	27

December Birthdays

Roxanne Culmo	2
Tawnya Grisold	2
Georgia Thomas	3
Gary Duset	4
Rachael Murray	8
Kathie Grant	9
Alan Panek	14
Nick Jonidas	16
Taylor Bashford	17
Melynda Brown	17
Sylvia Armer	18
Jim Dresser	18
Theda Rosenbeck	23
Ruth Higgins	24
Logan Bashford	24

November Anniversaries

Kerry & Jim Panek	29
Jack & June Dresser	29

December Anniversaries

Paul & Ruth	23
Phil & Carol Lilley	30

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.