

Beyond The Red Doors

Conshohocken United Methodist Church

October 2011 Newsletter

“Conshohocken UMC exists to reach people of all ages, teach them Christ’s values and guide them as deeply committed Christians to show the world that God lives”

A note from Pastor Ricky about the Bishop’s Day on the district...

Hello CUMC Family and Friends,
Today, I received the email below to share with you. The Conference provides an opportunity for each District laity (non-clergy) to meet with our Bishop (Peggy A. Johnson). If you remember, she came to our church on Mother's Day 2010. However, you may not have had the chance to speak with her. This is your chance to do so.

God Bless,
Pastor Ricky

Just a friendly reminder...Please come out to participate in the Bishop’s Day on the District. She will meet with Central District Laity on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM at Havertown Hope UMC for light refreshments and conversation. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Anita Powell is asking everyone’s participation. Please announce to all laity on Sunday. We are looking forward to whomever is able to come out to greet our Bishop.

Best regards, Suzette James District Lay Leader / EPAUMC Central District

GOOD NEWS!

Beyond the Red Door is back! There will be monthly newsletters from October through December and then we will resume the bimonthly schedule. This is a great means of communication for our church family. If you have any information that you would like to share with the congregation, please email or call me by the 15th of each month for the upcoming month’s newsletter. My email address is amhoffman507@comast.net and my home phone number is 484-894-0089. Communication is the key to success in any organization and the church is no exception.



SUNDAYS AT CUMC

10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time in Wesley Hall

10:30a.m. – Worship Service

New at CUMC - an Information Board with items for Sale/ Free, and Job Openings. It is located in the Fellowship area. There are 3x5 cards available. Please include the date, the item for sale/free, or job opening, with your name and phone number.



A NOTE ABOUT HOSPITAL VISITS

Please call our office (610) 828-1250 or the Pastor’s cell phone (267) 438-4234 if you or a loved one is in the hospital in order to get a visit. The Pastor fully

understands your privacy and does not want to simply “show up” uninvited. If it’s someone special to you that you’d like the Pastor to visit, please make arrangements for you and the Pastor to go together



NEED A HALL TO RENT?
*Church Members, Special Guests,
Families, Friends:*

- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
- **BRIDAL SHOWERS**
- **BABY SHOWERS**
- **WEDDING PARTIES**
- **MEETINGS**

For more details, contact Joni McCormick, our Facility Coordinator at 610-828-1250 or jonimcc@verizon.net



Thank You

We want to inform you that in this section, you can write a “Thank You” note to be included in our monthly newsletters. You can do so in the following manner.

- Call our office at **610-828-1250**
- Mail it in to **Conshohocken UMC, 20 W. 6th Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428, Attn: BTRD** (Short for “Beyond the Red Doors”)

- E-mail it to Anna Hoffman at amhoffman507@comcast.net

The following shows examples of what you can share your “Thanks” for:

- ❖ Cards sent to you by our members
- ❖ Phone calls received while in hospital
- ❖ Pastor’s visit
- ❖ Keeping you and/or your family in prayers
- ❖ Care packages
- ❖ Graduation/Mother’s/Father’s Day gifts received

Please make sure you send in your article before the 15th of month to be included in the following month’s newsletter. This cut-off date will allow for the newsletter to be printed before the last Sunday of the month. Thank you!



A View from the Pew

There is excitement with the start up of the Fall Newsletter. As I have heard and observed there are many wonderful things being planned at CUMC.

God is the center of all the meetings and planning preparations. We are filled with the JOY of spreading His Word and love to all.

Rally Day, 9/11/11 was a great kick off! The congregation of 101 was full of enthusiasm as we joined to sing praises with many familiar favorites and a sprinkling of newer ones too. The children presented the song “In the Secret” -what a blessing it is to have children in our church. The message, “Do you Remember” touched on the events of 9/11/01 and then was based on the scripture John 14: 1-27. We were reminded of Dr. Gary Atkinson as we

joined to sing “Forever” and we closed with “Friend of God” – I am a friend of God, He calls me friend. All week we can replay this tune and words in our heads and be reassured His love endures forever and He is our friend. We are blessed with His love and He asks us to share it.

Because I am not at CUC each week, I get behind on the upcoming events that might be listed in the bulletin, maybe you do too. Here are a few things that you will see more about- maybe even in this newsletter.

The Nursery – there is a lot happening to organize and get this important ministry up and running. The coordinator is Sarah Sterious. A gathering 9/18 will acquaint families with the plans. We can all agree we have children who will love to learn more about Jesus and with their young minds will be teaching us to say Grace and sing songs of His love.

Concert Style Worship is returning to CUMC- I attended several of these in the past and it was a wonderful way to give praise and glory to God. Not only our souls but our bodies were nourished.

All Church Breakfasts - These are scheduled to start in Oct. and be held on a regular basis. Watch for the details. It is a great chance to invite a friend, neighbor, or co worker to join us for breakfast, fellowship and worship. It is an opportunity for us to get to know each other a little more too. If you have time to help there is always a need for people to help clear tables, etc before we go up to worship.

Men’s Breakfast – The date of Oct 8th was mentioned. Watch for more details.

Financial Peace University – will be offered beginning Oct 6th for 13 weeks. This is a biblically based video curriculum that is designed to help individuals and families manage their finances. The cost is \$95 which covers the cost of materials, workbooks and CD. Rick Barton will facilitate.

Food Basket – This ministry has gone on quietly in the background of CUMC for many years. The need is always with us and it is one thing that we have been directed by Jesus to do. Please consider putting the food basket on your grocery list. The collection basket is inside the Fayette St. entrance. Your contributions have touched many lives over the

years. Not just the food but the sense that other people care gives hope to those in need. God Bless.

There is much more to share. I only touched on a few. Keep reading your bulletin, if you aren’t in church keep up with the newsletters. Call a friend and chat about what is happening.

Keep in touch with your CUMC family. You are missed when you are not there.

Written by Nancy Maguire – member since 1968 – spending more time in North Carolina



Finance Team Corner

This Fall CUMC is offering a 13-week course that has been presented to hundreds of churches. It is called Financial Peace University. It is a DVD-format program hosted by Dave Ramsay, and it is based on scriptural principles that help individuals and families reduce and eliminate debt, plan for the future, and be good stewards. Rick Barton will be presenting a preview class following worship on Sunday, September 25. It should run about 30-40 minutes. Those interested in taking the class are asked to purchase class materials, including the CDs and workbook. The classes are open to everyone and will start Thursday, October 6. Please contact Rick Barton at 610-397-1581 or rickdbarton@msn.com to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Fundraising Update:

CUMC’s fund raising this year has been very successful thanks to all of the volunteers and organizers. Our Spring Fling event in April netted \$11,400, and combined with our other fundraisers, CUMC has received \$16,500 year to date. Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraisers including a raffle for an overnight stay in Philly with dinner and our annual Christmas wreath sale.

If you are interested in volunteering for a fundraiser please contact Jenn Kriebel at 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com. We are looking for people to assist in our food sales fundraisers for 2012 including the St. Patrick’s Day parade, car show, and July 4th BBQ.

Grant Update:

A grant application was submitted to the Dewees Grant Program of the Eastern Conference. This request is to help fund CUMC's New Nursery Ministry. Excellent child care has always been an important part of the ministry of growing churches. For young families deciding about church involvement, quality nursery care is at the top of their list. In response to this need, CUMC is enhancing its Nursery Program with a Nursery Coordinator, a paid Nursery staff person, and another volunteer position filled by parents and other adult volunteers from CUMC. The grant is to help fund the child proofing and modernization of the Nursery Area, a pager system for the parents, and a live audio and visual feed of the worship service from the Sanctuary into the Nursery.

There is money available from foundations and trusts in the greater Philadelphia area. If anyone is interested in helping to research and or write grant applications, please contact Jenn Kriebel at 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com.

2012 Stewardship Campaign:

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2012 will kick off Sunday, September 25 and will culminate with Commitment Sunday on October 16.

In 2012 CUMC will continue to be challenged financially. 2011 was our first year without the rent from Jubilee Presbyterian Church, payments that made up 20% of our annual budget. In 2010, the Finance team made the tough decision to stop paying principal on the church's two loans and only repay interest. This has continued through 2011. Please consider inquiring at your place of employment to see if they have a matching gift program that includes religious organizations. For example, presently the church is the recipient of a matching donation program from one of our member's employers. The employer matches funds donated by the employee and in addition provides donations to CUMC for volunteer hours spent at CUMC. CUMC received \$1,750 in 2011 related to volunteer hours and matching contributions.

Your donations to CUMC can be earmarked to CUMC through your employer's United Way campaigns. So, as the United Way campaigns ramp up in the fall, please keep CUMC in mind if this

option is offered through your employer. Donations can be withheld from your paycheck and remitted to CUMC. Please check with your employer to see if they offer either of these programs (the volunteer program is also sometimes referred to as "dollars for doers"). If you are interested in more information or would like to discuss further, please contact Jenn Kriebel, 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com.

2011 was the first year that CUMC offered electronic giving as an option for pledges. We will continue to offer this in 2012. If you are interested in this, please contact Bill Pope, the CUMC Finance Secretary, 610-296-3838x1343 or bill.pope@McKesson.com.

2012 Budget Preparation:

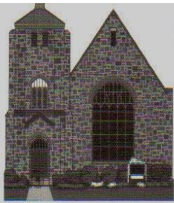
The Finance Team is currently working on the budget for 2012. If you have any expenses or costs that you would like to have considered in the budget for programs or outreach in 2012, or any suggestions for income sources, please contact Jenn Kriebel, 610-828-2039 or jennmyers13@hotmail.com. Please pray for the Finance Team as we continue through this important process.

We are looking for new members to serve on the Finance Team in 2012. Contact Jenn Kriebel or Randi Pizzico (People Team) if you are interested in serving on the Finance Team.

2011 Finance Update through August 31:

Actual pledges received were about \$10,500 above budget and the plate cash is up \$2,100. Cash in through August 31 (from all sources) was \$120,535. Expenses paid for the same period totaled \$110,832, for a gain of \$9,703. This does not include \$27,650 of loan principal that has not been paid for 2011. August is when the church locks in its oil for the year, and our budget payments will be made from August 2011 through May 2012, so expenses will start to ramp up for the remainder of the year related to our oil costs.





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