

# *Beyond The Red Doors*

*Conshohocken United Methodist Church*

*April/May 2010 Newsletter*

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## **Upcoming Special Worship Services (dates and times):**

**IMPORTANT:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE DIFFERENT WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Service (Combined with Jubilee) **11 AM.** (No Sunday School)

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Holy Thursday Service – 7 p.m.

April 4<sup>th</sup> -Easter Egg Hunt (children) – 9:30 a.m. (Outside; weather permitting)

Fellowship Time (Coffee, Tea, baked goods, etc) - 9:30 a.m. (Wesley Hall)

Easter Worship Service (Combined) **10:30 AM.**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – All-Church-Breakfast 9:30 a.m. (No Sunday School)

Combined Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

May 9<sup>th</sup> - **MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL** - Combined Worship Service **10AM**

Note: Our Bishop Peggy Johnson will be in attendance and will bring God’s Word to the people. *Her information is found in this month’s newsletter.*

- Mother’s Day Luncheon follows the worship service in our Fellowship Hall.

June 6<sup>th</sup> – **SPECIAL FATHER’S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE** led by the children/youth of our church. Yes, we know that Father’s Day falls on the 20<sup>th</sup> but we were thinking of the families who would be on vacation after the school year ends.



The Rev. Peggy A. Johnson was elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Harrisburg, PA, on July 17, 2008. On the following day, prior to a Service of Consecration, she learned that she would be assigned to The Philadelphia Area.

On September 1, 2008, Bishop Johnson began her assignment to lead nearly 1,000 churches in The Philadelphia Area, comprised of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conferences. She will be one of nine active bishops in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which includes thirteen annual conferences in the northeastern United States.

Bishop Johnson, born in 1953, was baptized and grew up in the Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. She pursued a degree in Music Education at Lebanon Valley, a United Methodist-related college in Eastern Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1975. She taught elementary vocal music in Baltimore County Public Schools for two years. During this time she felt a call to ministry, specifically with deaf people and people in disabilities. She left teaching and began to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. Bishop Johnson met her husband, Rev. Michael C. Johnson at seminary and the Johnson's graduated in 1980. Upon graduation they were offered appointments in the Baltimore Annual Conference. Bishop Johnson was ordained a Deacon (transitional) in 1979 and an elder in 1981.

In her early ministry, she has served a four-point country charge in Frederick MD, as campus minister for Gallaudet University (a leader in higher education for deaf persons located in Washington, DC), and as co-pastor (with her husband, Mike) of Lansdowne United Methodist Church, in Baltimore, MD.

In 1988 she was appointed to pastor the historic Christ UMC of the Deaf in Baltimore, where she served for 20 years. She earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1993 and taught deaf and disability courses as the seminary on a regular basis as adjunct faculty.

Bishop Johnson believes in the inclusion of persons with disabilities, "not just to welcome them, but to be co-ministers in the priesthood of all believers! Often we think we're going to help people with disabilities - but no - they help us see things with wonderful new perspective and add to the giftedness of the Body of Christ. Without them we're not fully complete; we need their gifts for being the fully functional Body of Christ."

Bishop Johnson believes that the most important role as a bishop is to pastorally empower and encourage the church to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The role also includes the presidential duties of ordering the life of the annual conference and the denomination and also to be a prophetic voice for justice in the church and the world.

The Johnson's have two adult sons: Peter and Gabriel.



Dear CUMC Family,

The United Methodist Church has been focusing on the needs of the world, the communities, and the local churches that represent Christ. Within the last few years, the mission of “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world” has been the focus of this denomination. Our Eastern PA Conference has shared this mission with the local congregations through workshops, meetings, newsletters, prayers, and other sources of communications.

Our church was one of the nearly 470 churches in our conference that attended several of these workshops and compared our mission with the conference’s mission of “Making Disciples”. Our own mission is “...reach people of all ages, teach Christ values and guide them as deeply committed Christians to show the world that God lives”. We began by providing opportunities for members and guests to utilize their talents *and* gifts to serve God and neighbor.

Through several opportunities and prayers, our people have stepped up to the challenge. We have and continue to experience growth in several areas of ministries as people make the decision to get involved.

One of the areas of growth has been through the worship services. Although our attendance dropped by 30-40 people when we began the two services in September 2009, the Almighty God has touched the lives of those who remained and those who hadn’t come through our church doors. The numbers are up again and I know God will continue to touch lives as we reach, teach and guide the people with the heart to serve.

For example: On Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, our combined attendance (from both services) was more than 110. Just to think that we were averaging around 85 with one service a year ago. That’s an increase of more than 25 worshippers. I’m sure you can shout a good “**AMEN!**” to that blessing!

The blessings don’t stop there. This month, one of our members, Mr. Charles Mathis, is utilizing his love for cooking and wanted to use it as a ministry to others. With the support of the Ministry Team, Mr. Mathis began to offer “30-minute meal” classes every other Tuesday in our kitchen. The class is limited to 12 participants so that everyone would have the opportunity to learn the meal and know how to cook it at home. At the end of each class, they have the blessing of eating the meal.

Another possibility that is “brewing” is a transportation ministry that would provide people in our community to be picked up in our church van for Sunday School/Church services. This is only in the brainstorming stage but I have a feeling that God will guide us through this stage and into a fruitful ministry.

These are just examples of what God is doing at CUMC through people. If you haven’t been attending in a while, I highly encourage and invite you to return to CUMC and see what God is doing in our midst.

God Bless,  
Pastor José “Ricky” Ayala



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:**

Please see the page that contains the Church Directory Questionnaire. Our church would like to print out the latest member/guest directory but will need your permission to add your information to it. The current directory dates back to 2005!

Our Membership Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, is working on this project and will need to get the results back *by the end of April*. For those of you who have e-mail access, she will send you the form as an attachment. The others can fill out the form found in this newsletter and mail it back to our church office at:

**Conshohocken UMC**

**20 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave**

**Conshohocken, PA 19428**

**ATTN: Membership Secretary**



Dear Friends and Church Family,

Disciple I will be starting in September. A sign up sheet will be available in late summer. I know several of you have already taken the course and have been blessed by it.

Please contact me if you may be interested in taking the Bible Study starting in September by answering this email.

I'm excited once again about being given the opportunity to facilitate your understanding of Scripture. Hope to hear from several of you.

Love in Christ,

Gary Atkinson



## **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



Thinking of You

Each month, Ginny Teaford will be highlighting a homebound member of our church family. Please consider sending a personal note or a "Thinking of You" card to brighten that persons spirits.

This month's member is:

Roland Yoder

c/o Cambridge Bright Field (Rm A-3)

1800 Walnut Street

Lansdale, PA 19446

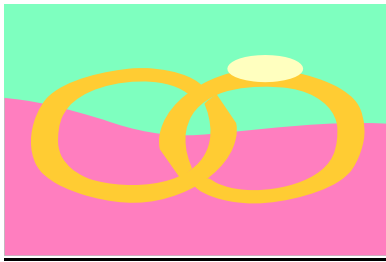


## **NEED A HALL TO RENT?**

***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](mailto:jonimcc@verizon.net)



### April/May Wedding Anniversaries

Day:

- 4/3 Gary & Diane Shaw
- 4/16 Michele & John Conner
- 4/29 George & Ann Waters
- 5/20 Ed & Karen Bernier
- 5/29 Dave & Lynn Barr

If you are having an anniversary in April or May are not listed here, that means we do not have a record of your wedding anniversary. Please call the church office with that information.

If you are having a birthday in April or May and are not listed here, that means we do not have a record of your birth date. Please call the church office with that information. We want to wish you a happy birthday!



### 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. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Conshohocken, PA 19428, Attn: BTRD** (Short for “Beyond the Red Doors”)
- E-mail it to Anna Hoffman at [amhoffman507@comcast.net](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

### April/May Birthdays!

~Make A Wish~

**April:**

- 1 Jason Renninger
- 9 Robert Maylie
- 10 Diane Warner
- 15 William Pope
- 16 Kevin Lawrence Jr.
- 19 Jared Conner
- 21 Carolyn Yakonik
- 27 Nicole Fabrizio
- 29 Jimmy Smith

**May:**

- 1 Frank Allen
- 3 Dave Wilder
- 4 Annie Ayala
- 7 Anna Hoffman
- 11 Susan Strauss
- 12 Summer Sanders
- 13 Justin Covington
- 16 Roy Sanders
- 31 Motunrayo Ogunkua



## About Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council is the governing body of our Church, where we discuss all the activities of our local church. Our council is an `all members` council. This means that each member of our church has a vote on Council matters.

At meetings we have reports from each committee chairperson of past, current, and future activities. Everyone has an opportunity to join in the discussions..Meetings start promptly at 7:30PM. We strive to end each meeting by no later than 9PM. Dates for meetings this year are April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>.

It would be great to see you, and appreciated by all our chairpersons, if you could plan to attend at least one meeting this year. Come see `our` Church at work.

Jake Kriebel  
Administrative Council Chairman



## Finance Team Corner

2009 was a tough year, financially speaking, but there are signs that 2010 will be much brighter. In January, we were able to make back payments on our 2009 apportionment and 2009 loan repayments because we had excess cash. Our oil expenses for 2010 will be \$2,000 less for the parsonage and \$1,340 less for the church because we are now on a budget plan and the price per gallon is lower than a year ago. Our

fund raisers are off & running (see below for details). And, one of our members was able to get employer matching funds for every hour of service volunteered to CUMC in 2009. That employer matching gift amounted to \$750! Honor Gifts made at Christmas brought in another \$1,200 in January. Gift cards and Wawa hoagie coupons have also contributed to our income for 2010. So, we are off to a great start!

A new addition to the Finance Team is Gary Black. Welcome Gary, and thanks for volunteering to be on the Finance Team. Other returning members are Carleton Cox (chairperson), Bill Pope (finance secretary), and Jenn Kriebel (treasurer).

### ***Fundraising Update:***

We had a nice turnout for the Fayette Street Grille fund raiser in January. It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fine dining. We raised \$444 for the church. Our garden bulb sale kicked off in March. Brochures w/order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Please take one and share it with family & friends. Orders with payment must be given to Carolyn Yakonick (610-489-6731) no later than Sun., April 11th. There is a large variety of perennial bulbs to choose from. If you do not have a green thumb, you can still help. Instead of giving Mom, Grandmom, your wife, etc., a live bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day, please consider giving (and planting) bulbs that she can enjoy every year!

Our next fund raiser will be our food concession stand at the Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade, postponed to March 27 due to the stormy weather we had on March 13. Last year, the parade ran for almost two hours. Everyone had a great time! All of our food items sold out!

### ***2010 Finance Update:***

Pledges are slightly behind budget through February 2010. Cash in through February 28 was \$36,456. Expenses paid for the same period totaled \$49,731 for a loss of \$13,275. Our budgeted (or planned) loss for the 1<sup>st</sup> two months is \$19,330, so we are under that.



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Sunday School had an exciting start to 2010. The children practiced and performed “The B-I-B-L-E” in January. Sunday School lessons helped the Elementary group learn about the season of Christmas. The Pre-Teen group learned about various books of the Bible and how to go to the Bible when looking for guidance.

February taught the children about God’s Greatest Commandment along with Black History Month. Both groups of children joined together to take their lessons to the kitchen to stir up some chocolate-covered fruit and omelets. The song performed was “Jesus Loves the Little Children”.

The children are busy getting ready for spring with Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.

The Christian Education team would like to thank all of the volunteers that help with Sunday School. Please take some time to thank the volunteers for sharing their time, talents and efforts.

Feel free to stop by Sunday School to see what is taking place!

## **CUMC Computer Training Classes**

Please submit your suggestions for new computer classes to Chris Bertino ([christine.bertino@gmail.com](mailto:christine.bertino@gmail.com) or 610-828-3085). We are looking to have classes run on Saturdays. The class would be one day for four hours. The number of topics and the number of interested participants will determine when the classes are scheduled. Get your ideas in early!

## **Children and Youth Ministry Training – April 10**

Due to weather conditions, the Tools for Ministry training will be held on Saturday, April 10 at Haws Avenue United Methodist Church in Norristown from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Anyone involved with children and youth should attend this valuable training. Please RSVP to Chris Bertino at [christine.bertino@gmail.com](mailto:christine.bertino@gmail.com) or 610-828-3085.



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## Directory Questionnaire

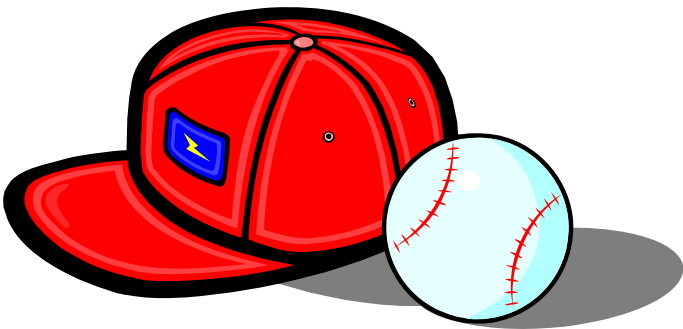
(Please fill one out for each person in your household who attends CUMC)

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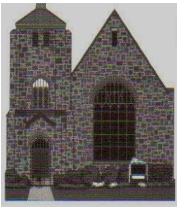
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PHILLIES VS. Cincinnati Reds July 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:05 p.m.	PAVILION (206-211) @ \$33	TERRACE DECK (412-429) @ \$26	PAVILION DECK (306-310) @ \$26	Process and Handling Fee - \$6.00 <u>per order</u>	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
TICKET QUANTITY				<b>\$6.00</b>	\$ _____

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### 2010 CUMC Personnel Information

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