



Beyond The Red Doors

Conshohocken United Methodist Church

April 2009 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”



We are excited to announce the following services leading up to Easter Sunday:

April 5th – Palm Sunday Service will be a combined with Jubilee beginning at 11 a.m. (Please note the time change)

April 9th – Holy Thursday Service 7 p.m.

April 10th – Good Friday Service at *Calvary Episcopal Church 12-1 p.m.*

April 12th – Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

It is our hope and prayer that you will take the time to worship, as well as be intentional in inviting your family and friends to do the same.

Also, on **Sunday, April 26th**, all who attend the service will have the opportunity to experience a Contemporary-Style Worship as a sample of what will take place in September; when we move towards two services; Traditional and Contemporary. This will take place in lieu of Children/Youth Sunday since several children will be on a trip to Hershey Park.

God Bless,

Pastor Ricky

Being Part of a Family

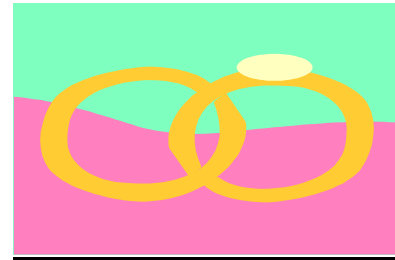
Family members depend on each other for all kinds of things, big and small, for the good of the family. Just as our immediate family depends on us, so does our church family. No matter what your talent or how much or little time you have to offer, there is something you can do. During this Lenten season, let’s challenge ourselves to do something for our church family. It doesn’t have to be a major project or require a long commitment. Offer to fill in for an usher or greeter, visit someone who is homebound, help out with a fundraiser, or help with cleaning or repairs at church. The possibilities are endless. As the hymn reminds us, “I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church together.”





**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



April Wedding Anniversaries

- 4/3 Gary & Diane Shaw
- 4/16 John & Michelle Connor
- 4/29 George & Anne Waters

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



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:

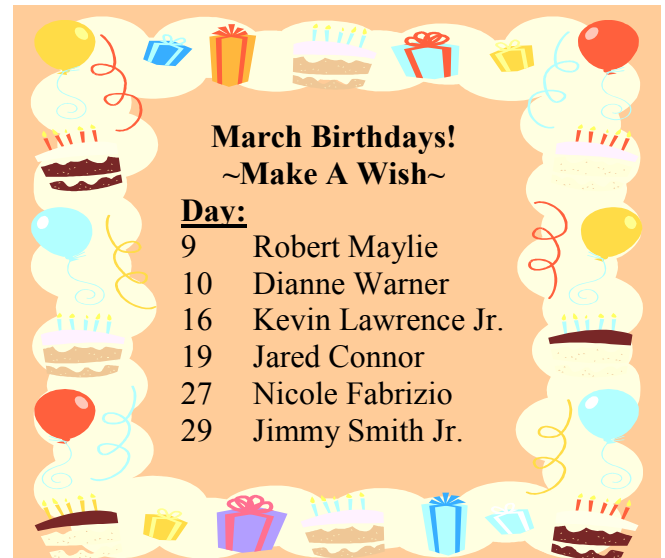
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CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428**



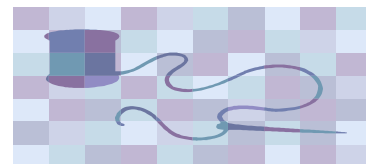
**NEED A HALL TO RENT?
Church Members, Special Guests,
Families, Friends:**

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

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



If you are having a birthday in April 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!



NEEDLEWORK CIRCLE

The quilts made by the Needlework Circle are now given to Mercy Suburban hospital babies at risk. Formerly, they were shipped to a Phila. address which became too costly.



Conversation with Greg Kriebel - Ministry Team

The buzz around the church is that there is so much happening. If a person misses a few Sundays, they return to a lot of new programs taking action. As Christians we want to study scripture, pray, sing praises at Sunday worship, but also to spread the love of God around and share it with others. Here are some great opportunities to spread God's Love.

NM: How have ideas been developed and selected?

GK: The ideas have come from Congregation input. People approach the ministry team and help develop the plans. Seventeen people attended the "Local Mission" meeting and now they are taking action. The selection of a particular project is based on the majority support and provides ownership of the project.

NM: Where do we find out about details?

GK: The details will be shared in the bulletin announcement section, on the web site, in the Beyond the Red Door Newsletter, signs posted in the church and sometimes a power call.

NM: What things are coming up in the next few months?

GK: March 29th at the "All Church Breakfast" the "Local Missions" group will meet. In April there will be a church clean up day before Easter (date not set at time of this interview).

April 11th there will be a coordinated effort with the Conshohocken Little League at 9 AM.

There will be a movie night in April and in May watch for details.

The Tuesdays in April from 7-8 PM a book study group will discuss "He Chose the Nails".

A park day is in the planning stages for the congregation to enjoy time together. Another opportunity to serve will be to prepare breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House.

There will be a mulching day in May to clean up the yard for anyone in the congregation or neighborhood who may need help. If you know of someone who can benefit from this project let us know.

NM: Who can participate- What commitment would be expected-

GK: Anyone can help. You don't need to be a member of the congregation, just have a willingness to serve God. If you can come out to one event or part of an event we want you to participate. Give what time you can. There is a very flexible time commitment. We hope to build relationships with each other and our community.

NM: If a person has an idea, who should they share it with?

GK: If you have an idea for a project or program we can develop speak to me (Greg) or Pastor Ricky. You can email to Joni at the church office or email Pastor or myself. (email addresses on bulletin).

GK: Come out and experience the fun of serving God. There are many little things we can do to use our talents.

Thank you Greg for your time. There are so many things behind the scenes to make these things happen. Your service is appreciated.
Submitted by Nancy Maguire



Finance Team Corner

The Finance Team plans to present a First Quarter 2009 Summary presentation to the Congregation sometime in April, during Sunday worship. We will be facing more challenges in 2009. The Jubilee congregation is leaving our church this year; the loss of this rental income (\$37,800 a year) coupled with the uncertainty in the stock market and the economy will have a significant impact on the estimated cash collected for 2009. We have been diligent in

reducing our budgeted expenses for 2009. Our programs have reduced their budgets 20% from 2008 to 2009, but our fixed expenses have increased 23%. The largest drivers in our fixed expenses are the rising costs of oil, electric, and gas. With your continued prayers and support, we will get through this period of financial uncertainty and continue to do God's will in Conshohocken and in the surrounding communities.

Fundraising Update:

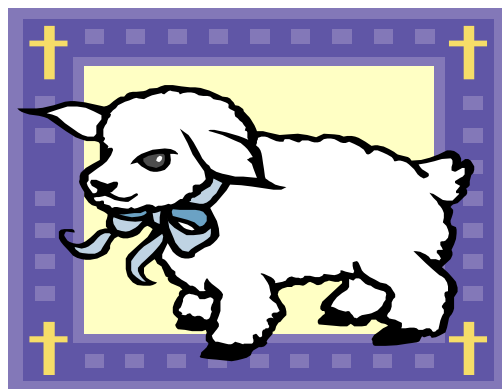
St. Patrick's Day Parade: The parade ran for almost two hours. Everyone had a great time! We sold out of all our food items. We even sold two cook books! Judy's veggie soup was a big hit, as was the children's lemonade stand. Thanks to all our volunteers: Pastor Ricky, Jim Lapinski, Judy Rhoads, Rick Barton, Drew Montemayor, Michele Conner, Roseann Toner, Dennis Hannan, Chris Bertino and the CUMC children. We plan to do this again in 2010 and we will be prepared to cook even more hot dogs & hamburgers.

Garden bulb sale: Our bulb sale kicked off on March 8. All orders are due by April 5. Brochures and order forms are in the narthex and are available by contacting Carolyn Yakonick (610-489-6731) or Carleton Cox (610-531-6325).

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! If you have friends, relatives or neighbors who plant bulbs, please take an order form home with you and return it to Carolyn Yakonick or Carleton Cox before the April 5 deadline.

2009 Finance Update:

Pledges are slightly behind budget through February 2009. Cash in through February 28 was \$36,728. Expenses paid for the same period totaled \$44,782 for a loss of \$8,054.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class from "The God Squad"

Our sincere congratulations to the members of the class in their reaching this milestone in their lives with the church and we welcome them in their new roles as our youth leaders:

Luke Hoffman	Allyssa Conner
Jimmy Smith	Jenna Powers
Leo Powers	Mike Delaney

Christian Education Meeting – April 21st

Christian Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 6pm. We welcome feedback from parents and children. If you would like to help with the Christian Education Ministries, we welcome new and fresh ideas. Contact Lynda Lawrence at maylboxx@aol.com or 610-828-9040.

Ministry for Preteens and Teens

The mid-week ministry for teens and preteens will meet on March 4th and 18th, 2009 from 7 to 8pm in The Garden. The purpose of this ministry is to provide outreach and missions projects for the youth. Join Lucy and Dave as they plan local projects. For more information, contact Lucy at Lvetrone413@gmail.com Mr. Dave at davidmontemayor453@yahoo.com.

Children's Sunday

The children, youth and teens will lead worship service on the last Sunday of each month. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Pastor Ricky or Bukola Ogunkua.

Prayer Bears Available

Prayer Bears will be given out to by the children to anyone who is sick, homebound, hospitalized or just need encouragement. The bears will remind people that they are receiving prayer and support from the children and youth at CUMC. This project gives the children a chance to reach out to people in need. If you know of someone that would benefit from a Prayer Bear, please inform any child of the God Squad.

It is not always the big things people do that touch lives and inspire hearts. Often the small things, given when someone needs them most.... a phone call to check on a friend, a hug, and yes, a teddy bear that remind people who are hurting that we, the church, are praying for them in their pain. On each bear, we can put the church address and an invitation to share how the bear helps.

Wawa Hoagie Coupons \$3.50each

The Sunday school children are still selling Wawa coupons to support the Courage to Care Campaign. The coupons sell for \$3.50ea (that's a savings of .40 per hoagie) and the coupons do not expire. Coupons will be available downstairs, outside of the secretary's office. Thank you for your support.

Children's Outreach

Save the aluminum pop tabs from your cans. The money generated from recycling the tabs helps to defray the cost for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Please give your tabs to any Sunday school child and they will place them in our collection bin. Thank you for supporting our children's ideas and outreach programs.

Kid's Worship Time: Kindergarten – Teens:

No Kid's Worship Time during the month of April.

Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 12th – All Ages



Join us on Easter morning for an Egg Hunt. Children will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

** New ** Movie Night: April 19th at 6:00pm



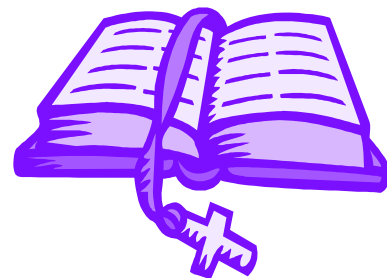
The Passion of the Christ

The Passion of The Christ

focuses on the last twelve hours of Jesus of Nazareth's life, starting from His prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane and His betrayal at the hands of Judas Iscariot. It goes on to show the trials He endured under Pontius Pilate and King Herod as well as the torture and ridicule He suffered in between. Once the death sentence is pronounced, He carries a heavy wooden cross to Golgotha amidst throngs of jeering citizens and horrendous beatings, while a few citizens do what they can to help Him. Throughout this time, we are shown memories from His past with His mother and Disciples, where He gives His teachings. Finally, He is crucified, dies, and is buried, but resurrects from the dead on the third day.

Movie: Passion of the Christ
Date: Sunday, April 19th
Time: 6:00pm
Place: CUMC

Note: Free Childcare Available; please reserve your child's space before April 16th by calling the church office at 610-828-1250. Questions, please call Lynda Lawrence at 610-828-9040 or email at maylboxx@aol.com.



God Squad's Mission Project for April is The Heifer Project.

Children will be collecting money to purchase animals to help fight poverty and hunger. Please consider helping their cause by giving a small donation.

Heifer's Mission to End Hunger

Heifer's mission is...

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Heifer's strategy is...

To "pass on the gift." As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

Heifer's History

This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.

Flock of Chicks

Chicks: A Good Choice

A flock of chicks can help families from Cameroon to the Caribbean add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets.



The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. Protein-packed eggs from even a single chicken can make a life-saving difference.

Heifer helps many hungry families with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year - plenty to eat, share or sell. With Heifer recipients' commitment to pass on the offspring and training, the exponential impact of adding chickens to communities in poverty is truly a model that helps end hunger and poverty.

Because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. And chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens.



Heifer

Heifers Equal Hope

When a family has a cow, every morning there's a glass of rich milk for the children to drink before heading off to school. Classes are paid with the income from the sale of milk, and there's even enough to share with the neighbors.

A good dairy cow can produce four gallons of milk a day - enough for a family to drink and share with neighbors. Milk protein transforms sick, malnourished children into healthy boys and girls. The sale of surplus milk earns money for school fees, medicine, clothing and home improvements.

Better still, every gift multiplies, as the animal's first offspring is passed on to another family-then they also agree to pass on an animal, and so on.

And because a healthy cow can produce a calf every year, every gift will be passed on and eventually help an entire community move from poverty to self reliance. Now that's a gift worth giving! For more information, go to www.heifer.org

Youth Fellowship Trip to Hershey Park

The new CUMC Youth Fellowship program is off on another great trip!. The program is for CUMC Youth who attend Sunday School and are in 4th grade thru teens.

Hershey Park Trip ~ for a day of thrill rides and fellowship!!

When: Sunday, April 26th.
Meeting Place: CUMC
Time: 7:00 am – 9:00pm
Cost: \$38.00 includes lunch.

Contact any of the Youth Fellowship Team Leaders for more information:

Lucy Vetrone lucyaries413@aol.com

Dave Montemayor

davidmontemayor453@yahoo.com

*** The children will be paying for their tickets and expenses. If you are interested in sponsoring a child that may not otherwise afford to go, please contact Lynda Lawrence at 610-828-9040 or maylboxx@aol.com. ***

Honor Gifts for Mother's Day



Back by popular demand! Monetary gifts to CUMC can be made in honor of Mother's Day. An acknowledgement card, without reference to the amount of the gift, will be sent by CUMC to the gift recipient to let them know the donation has been made in their honor. Honor Gifts are a thoughtful way to remember your Mother or someone special in your life while also helping the church. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please contact Jenn Kriebel at (610) 828-2039.



THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

'Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U.'

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009 UPDATE FROM BISHOP PEGGY A. JOHNSON AND THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS COMMITTEE

Change in venue for Annual Conference 2009:

**Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks, 100
Station Road, Oaks, PA 19456**

June 16-18, 2009

The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks has just opened its doors in January! We have found the Expo Center to have many advantages over Eastern University: all activities will be held under one roof - Clergy and Laity Sessions, Ordination, Vendors/ Exhibitors and the Cokesbury Bookstore. The Expo Center is handicapped accessible with plenty of free parking.

Since there are no hotels on the premises, Annual Conference will be a "commuter" event. We will, however, be holding discounted blocks of rooms at area hotels if you find you need to stay over. This list of hotels will be included in your registration information and you will be responsible for making your own hotel reservation and for payment.

We look forward to seeing you in June at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at Oaks!!



Administrative Board Meetings in 2009:

4/15 7/8 10/14

Note: The above dates are for regularly scheduled

Administrative Board meetings. There may be a possibility to have additional meetings for special occasions such as preparing for Charge Conference.



Concert-Style Worship Services

Conshohocken United Methodist Church is beginning an exciting, new Concert-Style Worship Service. All concerts will begin at **6pm** on the **third**

Saturday of each month, and there is a **free meal** following each service! There's no entry fee but a free-will "Love" offering will be collected during the service.

Join us each month to experience a different musical group. Currently scheduled groups are:

§ 6pm – April 18th
Steel Drum Band from Easton, PA

§ 6pm – May 16th
Chorister's Choir

Everyone is invited to attend these special worship services, from all walks of life and from any religious denomination. Please join us for fellowship, music, food and fun, at 6pm on the third Saturday of each month!

***CUMC IS THE
PLACE TO BE!!!***

DONATION CARD ORDER FORM

Please complete the form below and return it with your check made payable to:
Conshohocken United Methodist Church
20 West 6th Avenue
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Please check here if you would like the acknowledgement card sent directly to you instead of the gift recipient for personal delivery or packaging.

Honor Donation

In Honor of: _____

Send card to: _____

Special Sentiment _____

Memorial Donation

In Memory of: _____

Send card to: _____

Special Sentiment _____

DETACH HERE

**Please complete this section, detach and retain it for your records
as proof of your tax deductible contribution**

Donation of \$ _____ Check # _____ Date: _____/2008

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