

# MILL-GREEN MESSENGER

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**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**

**Love Jesus**

**Keep His Commandments**

**Change the World**

# Mill-Green United Methodist Church

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**This will be the final newsletter until further notice.**



You are warmly invited to join us at one of our services!

## Millville Building

8:00 AM Contemporary Service

9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM Traditional Service

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

## Greenwood Building

9:15 AM Traditional Service

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

*Hebrews 10:24-26*

# Pastor's Page

## THE HOLIDAY SEASONS

Louise loves to listen to Christmas music. It begins in October when I hear the familiar Christmas tunes playing in the kitchen. I usually say, *"Why are you listening to Christmas music already?"* The response is, "I enjoy it!" It seems, for some, that the melodies of the Christmas season can change moods and attitudes and urge happier dispositions. Andy Williams sings a familiar Christmas song that shares Louise's feeling about Christmas, *"It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you 'Be of good cheer' It's the most wonderful time of the year. It's the hap-happiest season of all with those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings when friends come to call. It's the hap- happiest season of all"*.



November brings the Thanksgiving season, turkeys, parades, football games to watch after eating too much turkey and filling, (if that's your tradition). We stop to be thankful for the many blessings we have received and then December is right around the corner, and we have opportunity to examine our hearts and look for the "Christmas spirit" that shares a most wonderful time of the year. The holiday season can be especially difficult. The troubles of life, the experiences of grief and pain, and/or the loneliness felt can make people less than wonderful or

happy. As the church I wonder if we can make Christmas special, wonderful, and produce joy in the lives of others?

The ever popular movie, "The Christmas Carol", shares the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, a hard and difficult man, whose greed and uncaring spirit dampen the Christmas spirit. It is only through the conviction of three Christmas spirits that he is reformed and the promise of joy is embraced. We can carry the "Christmas spirit" into the lives of others and help them through unhappiness by sharing the message, *"Be of good cheer for it is the most wonderful time of the year"*.

Let's take a moment and travel back to the fields outside the town of Bethlehem. During the night while the shepherds were tending to their flocks a light as bright as the sun filled the night sky and an angel of the Lord appeared to them saying, *"Be of good cheer for I am bringing you the most wonderful news. As you were tending your flocks today the most magnificent event took place. I want you to see this for yourself. Go into town and you will find swaddled in a feeding trough in a local stable the Messiah, Christ the Lord. He has entered into the world as promised. Heavenly choirs appeared singing, 'Glory to God in the highest and peace upon all who embrace Him'".*



God sent angels to convey the birth of Christ and I believe that God sends similar angels today....you and me. We are sent to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to all people. As the angels, we can bring light into the darkness of people's souls and life experiences, great joy into the hearts of the hopeless and lonely, and the incarnation of the Holy Spirit through our lives.

What gifts do you have to offer to others this season? You have the spirit of God living within you! You have the good news of Jesus Christ to live and share in the presence of others! You have a gift to give that can produce joy and contentment in people that no earthly present could ever provide. Make this the most wonderful season of the year by taking the transforming power of the gospel to others; first, through your love and concern for others. Build relationships and minister to people resulting from your commitment to Christ, and then ask God to give you opportunities to share your testimony with these people. I encourage you to pray that God will allow you to reach one or two people this advent and Christmas season. What better gift can you give than the gift of yourself and the message of Christ's life, birth, death, and resurrection? Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, and may God bless you and your families.



**HONDURAS MISSION TRIP 2018**



People often ask me, "Why do you have such a passion for Honduras?" That is an easy question to answer, as I am sure anyone who has been on this mission trip can answer it easily. The need is great, the people are precious and so grateful and giving of their love. They make you feel so loved and appreciated. And JESUS is made so real there. We see HIM at work everywhere we serve. HE empowers us, gives us just what we need for each moment of the day.

This year's mission trip the need was so much greater. We ran out of basic medications. This weighed heavy on our hearts. We hope to start a, "BLESSING of the Month" ministry, which will entail having a box in the back of the church and each month Dawn Hornberger will make an announcement in church sharing what that month's "Blessing" item is. Example: tubes of diaper rash cream, hydrocortisone cream, lotrimin cream, antacid tablets, natural tears, lip balm, ibuprofen, acetaminophen and dry skin lotion, etc... Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree. If everyone could purchase just one or two items each month, many people's needs would be met. Matthew 25:31-46.

Each of us have been greatly blessed. It is a privilege to serve JESUS and make HIM known. Whether through a tube of diaper rash cream, a smile, hug or a kind word. Our mission field is all around us. May people experience a glimpse of JESUS from our servant's hearts.

Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalice! Phillipian's 4:13

Serving JESUS together!  
Debbie Michael

## *HARVEST HOME COLLECTION*

### **Suggested items:**

Canned fruit  
Canned soups  
Box potatoes  
Canned potatoes (regular or yams)  
Pudding mix  
Spaghetti sauce  
Peanut butter  
Stuffing  
Juice  
Macaroni and cheese  
Weis or Giant gift cards are also welcome!

\*NO home canned goods

Collections are at both the Greenwood and Millville Buildings and will end Sunday, November 18th.



**Set your clocks back one hour  
November 4th!**



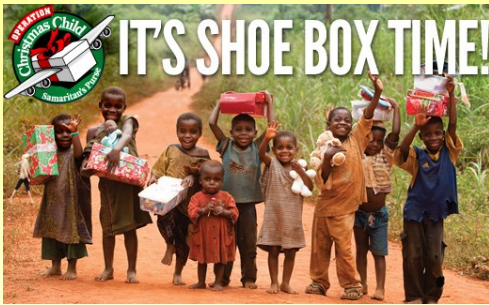
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Devin and Chelsea Lewis  
on the birth of  
Henry James Lewis.  
3 lbs 9 oz.  
September 12, 2018

### **An Evening of Music**



You are invited to enjoy a variety of musical talent at the Greenwood Building on Saturday, November 17th at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will follow.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Mill-Green UMC will be collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children until November 17th. Please take a brochure in the church lobby .



### JERUSALEM TRIP

Shiloh Bible Church is planning a trip to Jerusalem March 23, 2020. This trip is open to anyone. If you are interested please call Shiloh at 570-784-3456.

## Community Thanksgiving Feast 11:30am-1:30pm

Alone this Thanksgiving? Don't want to make a big meal?

You are invited to the Millville Christian Church 245 E. Main St. across from the town park.

Turkey  
Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Sweet Potatoes  
Gravy  
Corn  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Beverage



**NO CHARGE!**

Take out orders will be available after 1:00 pm. Call 570-458-6323 to place an order

## Mill-Green Christmas Eve Services!

**4:00 Family Service with  
Communion and Candle lighting,  
Jr. Bells and children's skit.**



**8:00 Traditional Service with  
Communion and Candle lighting,  
Adult Bell Choir**



"Yes, it's beautiful — but can we talk about its placement?"



# KIDS FOR CHRIST



**WHAT:** An after school program filled with Bible info, food, games, crafts, Bible verse competitions, and special events!

**WHEN:** Every Thursday after school from 3:15-5:00pm, September through April .

**WHERE:** Mill-Green United Methodist Church at 75 S. State Street, Millville, Pa.

**WHO:** Kids K-6th grade.

## 2018 HARVEST PARTY



**OUR EQUINE FRIENDS, JACKSON AND GRANT**



**IT'S FUN TO BRING MOM AND LITTLE BROTHER:)**



**NO TOUCHING THE DONUT WITH YOUR HANDS!**



**CANDY APPLE TIME!**



**GOODIES TO GO...**



**LAP BLANKETS FOR A CHILLY RIDE**



**OFF TO THE GOURD HUNT WE GO!**



**GROWNUPS CAN HAVE FUN TOO!**

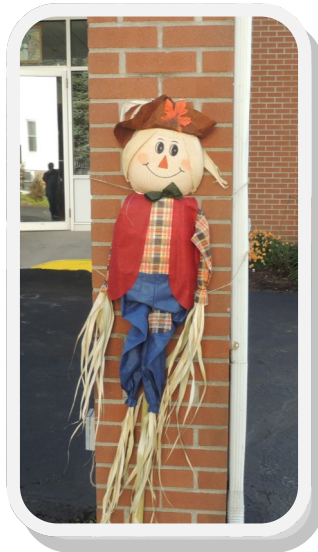




**OFF TO OAKWOOD DRIVE**



**MAKING HEDGHOG MAGNETS**



**SCARECROW TAG**



It only takes only smile to offer welcome...  
and blessed be the person who will share it.

It only takes one moment to be helpful...  
and blessed be the person who will spare it.

It only takes one joy to lift a spirit...  
and blessed be the person who will give it.

It only takes one life to make a difference...  
and blessed be the person who will live it.

Amanda Bradley

## United Methodist Children's Home

Times are changing and so are our needs.

Many kids have never known the simple joys of being in a healthy relationship. Your gift can afford them a full-range of care and support— far beyond food, clothes and a bed to sleep in. **Gift cards** give the flexibility to show the true meaning of Christmas to the Home's residents. They allow the kids to get what they need, make great rewards for positive behavior, and teach life lessons about spending money.

The cards used most are Visa gift cards in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. These are used for emergencies, special occasions, movies and technology.

**Gift Cards:** Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart, Applebee's, McDonald's, Dollar General, Chic-fil-A, Office Max, Staples, Payless Shoes, Giant, Weis, Visa, Rite Aid

The old-fashioned Christmas in Recreation Hall includes traditional foods, music and holiday gifts.

Your gift or gift card can be mailed to United Methodist Home for Children, Inc.

5120 Simpson Ferry Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3672  
Phone: 717-766-7652

Or make a secure donation at [www.umhcservices.org](http://www.umhcservices.org)

**Please see the church bulletin board for specific items needed.**

## Camp Victory Turkey Dinner Fundraiser



Sunday, November 11th

11:30am-2:30pm

\$9.00 Adult

\$4.00 Child 3-12

Under3 Free

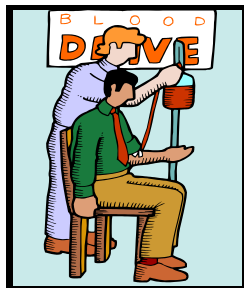
Please RSVP to [fun@campvictory.org](mailto:fun@campvictory.org) or call  
(570) 458-6530



**NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

## BLOOD DRIVE

Monday  
November 26th  
2018  
1-6pm



Mill-Green UMC  
75 S. State Street  
Millville



## THE LOVE FUND TOY PROJECT



**Gifts needed for all ages birth-age 18**

Wrapping paper

Tissue paper

Large gift bags

Scotch tape

You may put your new, unwrapped donations in the Millville Building social hall by the double closets. Thank you for your help in making a Millville Area family's Christmas brighter!





## BIRTHDAYS AND \*ANNIVERSARIES



### NOVEMBER

- 1 Millie Peterman, \*Jim & Marie Reynolds  
\*John & Bieonkia Lesho
- 2 Jeremy Hess, Julie Letteer
- 3 Rachel Huff, \*Rick & Paula Jacobs
- 4 Jennifer Temple
- 8 Penny Bangs, Jenna (Mordan) Anzelmo
- 9 Edna Harding
- 10 Maria Hayduk
- 12 Kayla Ringer
- 13 Krista Burns, Mason Huff, Elizabeth Lyons
- 14 Kevin Solomon, Tory Utt
- 15 Dean Evans, Owen Reichner, Gwen Smith,  
Gretchen Walker, \*Mike & Peggy Holdren
- 16 \*Brad and Karen Reed
- 19 Sarah Solomon, \*Jim & Glennda Moser
- 20 James Henrie
- 21 Martha Starr
- 22 Rick Davis, Ken Musselman
- 23 Brock Zeisloft
- 25 \*Rick and Donna Davis
- 26 Jack Lewis
- 27 Jessica Chappell, Sarah Fought
- 28 Brenda Craig, Kylee (Zeisloft) DeLong, Terry Lyons
- 29 Matt Dryer, \*Bill & Millie Albertson

### DECEMBER

- 1 Lynn Hess, Trisha Wilcox, \*Matthew & Julia Leighow
- 4 Mike Dubbs
- 5 Greg Titman, \*Don & Lois Bangs
- 6 Jim Spangenberg
- 9 Chauncey Henrie, Judy Namey, Wendy Faatz
- 10 \*Ken & Amy Musselman
- 11 Dustin Starr
- 12 Andrea Ortman, Sherry Kakaley, Brian Parker,  
Marie Reynolds, Jennifer (Case) Weatherill
- 13 Tom Gordner, Carey Klinger, Brian Parker,  
Don Morris, Avery Earnest
- 15 Kelle McCarty, \*Brent & Bonnie Reed
- 16 \*Derl & Mary Crawford
- 17 \*Levi & Danielle Roeder
- 18 Micah Thomas
- 19 Jeff Laver
- 20 Peggy Holdren, Taryn Verstraeten, Bob Black
- 21 Judy Boone, Don Boudman
- 22 Justin Bieshline, \*Dan & Arlene Reed
- 23 Felicia Girton, Skip Mordan, Bryce Zeisloft
- 24 Abby Kakaley, Kathleen Temple, Rhonda Shultz
- 25 Rachel Pearson, Robert Pearson
- 26 Don Crawford, Joe Sinegra, Joe Steiner, Aaron  
Solomon, Jesse Zeisloft
- 27 Brad Reed, Brent Reed, Christine Beishline, \*Dennie  
& Judy Namey, \*Rick & Michelle Reichner
- 29 Larry Gallo, Corey Nickles, Todd Balles,  
\*Mike & Sherry Kakaley
- 30 Mike Holdren, Christian Ludwig, Curtis Whittington,  
Vickie Mull
- 31 Jerre Wright

