MILL-GREEN MESSENGER

PO Box 470 Millville, Pa 17846



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Mill-Green United Methodist Church

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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 6:30-8PM Youth Group

Greenwood Building

9:15AM 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 I often scroll through the previous 4 years of newsletters to be sure that I am not duplicating topics or spending too much time on my "hobby horse" topics. But this time I was feeling nostalgic and scrolled all the way back to 2010 where I came across this article. It speaks about the urgency of spreading the Gospel message in the very

difficult times we live. The title of the article is, "Are You Convinced?".

I hope you enjoy the article, but more importantly I hope the Holy Spirit impresses upon all of you the responsibility we have to actively share our relationship with Jesus Christ, our Biblical understanding of God and Satan,

heaven and hell, and the reality that all of humanity will spend eternity in one place or the other. I trust that you will be personally moved by the content of the article and will make it your goal to be a witness for Jesus Christ daily.

So here you go ...

I just began reading the book <u>23 Minutes in Hell</u>, written by Bill Wiese. The author shares his experience of spending twenty-three minutes in hell. Whether the book is portraying an actual experience in hell or an incredibly vivid dream, I felt an overwhelming sense of hopelessness, fear, torture, pain, and tremendous evil. The feeling has followed me into the present moment



as I write and I am afraid for the many who reject the gospel and saving grace of Jesus Christ. I have always believed that hell is a physical place, that the "fire and brimstone" spoken about in scripture is real, and being separated from God for eternity is the greatest torture. But I wonder how many are convinced?

The description of hell shared by the author spoke of a palpable darkness, intense hatred of humanity, absolute, all-encompassing evil, heart stopping fear, extreme inescapable torture, and utter despair and unending hopelessness. This captured my heart and left me with a new burden for the lost.

I wonder how many of us in the church are convinced that hell is a real place? It is not a concept that exists only in our spiritual imaginations. I have heard people say, *"If I go to hell I will have a lot of company"*. Hell will not be a place of fellowship and fun. We must remember that fellowship is a gift of God, for God calls us into community. God will be absent from hell; therefore, all that is good, holy, righteous, kind, gentle, generous, loving, tender, compassionate, etc. will also be absent. Can you imagine a place without these qualities? Hell is this place!

Spend some time with the following quotes:

Hell is a place of unrelieved torment and horrible misery...a place of impenetrable darkness....a place of fire... a place of unrelieved torment for both body and soul. Hell will be horrible for everybody there, but some people will suffer more than others . –John McArthur

It is an experience of intense anguish....a sense of loneliness...There is the realization that this separation is permanent....Thus, hopelessness comes over the individual. ---Millard J. Erickson

The lost will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thess.1;19). No one lives without God....He gives you every breath you take. His kindness surrounds...He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on the unjust as well as the just (Matt 5:45). He gives you the beauty of a summer evening, the coolness of a refreshing breeze....He delights you with the taste of fresh crusty bread or the juice of a ripe peach. Perhaps you have experienced the ecstasy of love. These are God's gifts....All of these are blessings from God...But in Hell, all this will be taken from you...all the dignity that you now have as an image bearer of God will be stripped from you....The wicked will burn with fire but they will not be consumed. ---Edward Donnelly.

Weise, Bill, 23 Minutes in Hell, Charisma House, 2006, p. 7,9,11

Now consider these scriptures:

"... 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels...." Then they will go away to eternal punishment..." (Matt 25:41;46).

".... The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'... ... send Lazarus to my father's house for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' (Luke 16 22-24;27-28).

"And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Rev 20:10).

Are you convinced that hell is a real place? If you are then you have a job to do! There is no one who deserves to experience hell. You are responsible to tell people about Jesus Christ. You hold the truths that will set the people free from eternal torment. If you are convinced that hell is a real place then you will be compelled to tell people how Jesus Christ triumphed over Satan and hell by His resurrection and over sin by His death on the Cross.

I remember the TV show, *Early Edition*, (1996-2000) about a man who received the daily newspaper a day ahead of the day the events would take place. He had twenty-four hours to reach the people who were in danger and worked feverishly to attempt to alter the situation. As TV shows go he was always successful. We have the opportunity to snatch people from the eternal torture and punishment of hell. We have the truth that will set people free. It is up to you to witness about your faith in Christ. We don't know how much time we have so we must be diligent in the present moment.

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Are you convinced?



Tuesday Bible Study

Join us on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in the Seekers' Room in the Millville Building. The study of Matthew continues!

2017 Bloomsburg Fair Vesper Service

Friday, September 22nd at the Bandshell (free stage) 6:30pm Music Prelude by Raven Creek 7:00pm Service Guest Speaker- Rev. Darryl Kensinger Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, Tamaqua "I am a C, I am a CH" 2 Peter 1:5-8 Music by the Vesper Choir- Directed by Carol Sweeney First English Baptist Church Offering will be given to displaced veterans of Orangeville Manor

Anyone interested in joining the Community Vespers Choir will receive a free ticket to the fair that evening. The choir wil rehearse on Sundays at 2pm September 10th and 17th at the First English Baptist church, 700 Millville Rd, Bloomsburg pa.

"FREEDOM CALLS"

A Contemporary Christian music band will perform immediately after the Vesper Service. Find them on Facebook at /freedomcallsofficial.

HARVEST HOME

It's time to start thinking about the food collection in November. Gently used winter coats and jackets will also be collected to distribute throughout the Millville community.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT EYERSGROVE

Join us as we study the book of Mark. We meet in the large Gathering Room at 18 Eyersgrove Road on Mondays at 7pm. All are welcome. Any questions contact Julie Shoup at jshoup4@verizon.net or 570-458-0418.





Quaker Quilters

On Tuesday, September 19th at 1 pm, the Quaker Quilters (or QQs) will begin our new season of quilt making. First project is a "mystery wall hanging" – a project done in steps so you don't know what it will look like till it's finished! Of course, we do have "show and tell" – proudly displaying for each other what we worked on during the summer or between get-togethers. Oh yes, and we laugh a lot.

If you think you might be interested in quilting or already are a quilter, please consider joining us. We meet the first and third Tuesday each month in the Gathering Room at The Village at Eyers Grove. For more info, contact Julie Shoup, 570-458-0418 or <u>ishoup4@verizon.net</u>.







Friday, October 27th after the parade!

Trunks are needed! Please contact Joyce Harding at **jzharding@verizon.net** or any Church Life Committee member if you would like to provide a trunk. Donations of candy are also needed. Thank you

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Opening PIZZA PARTY Sept.14, 2017

Please call Louise at the church office 570-458-4349, or email office@millgreenumc.org with any questions. Walker permission forms also available at the elementary school or www.millgreenumc.org



Join us as we travel back to Bible times with Chris, Joy and Gizmo!

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Cleaning Kit

Value: \$65.00 per kit

Cleaning Kit Materials:

1 5-Gallon bucket with resealable lid

 Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned

 Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner

• Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

Liquid laundry detergent

- One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only
- Liquid household cleaner
- 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
- No spray cleaners
- Dish soap
- 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand
- 50 Clothespins
- Clothesline
- One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
- Cotton or plastic
- □ 7 Sponges
- No cellulose sponges due to mold issues
- Remove from packaging
- □ 24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags
- 33-45 gallon sizes
- Remove from the box
- □ 18 Cleaning wipes
- Handi-wipes or reusable wipes
- No terry cleaning towels
- Remove from packaging
- 1 Can air freshener
- Aerosol or pump
- □ 1 Insect-repellant spray
- 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves Should be durable enough for multiple uses

- □ 1 Pair work gloves
- All Cotton
- o All Leather
- Cotton with Leather Palm
- □ 5 Scouring pads
- Remove from wrapper

o No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

- 1 Scrub brush
- Plastic or wood handle
- 5 Dust masks

Assembly Directions:

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely. Important Notes

□ All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.

□ All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.

□ If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

□ If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

Packing and Shipping Kits Instructions:

□ **Box weight:** Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

Complete 2 packing lists: One for your records and one to put on the shipping box.

□ Paste the shipping label / packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.

□ **Processing & Shipping Costs:** Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Bucket you send. This donation enables Cleaning Buckets to be sent to areas in need.

Buckets will be provided by Mill-Green UMC. Please contact Susan Kindt 570-784-1766, susan.kindt@gmail.com or Christine Beishline 570-854-2354, cmbeish17@gmail.com if you would like to help with the collection of items for those in need in Texas.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NLT)

So many within our Lewisburg District know the anguish of living through floods and their devastating aftermath. From Berwick to Selinsgrove, Shickshinny to Bloomsburg, and many other places, you have experienced returning home, not even sure where to begin. Hopefully, you also received help and encouragement on that painful journey. My heart is breaking at what we see happening along the Gulf Coast. When our heart breaks for the plight of another, it is often when God wants to use us for a mighty purpose.

So I'm challenging us, as United Methodist Christians in the Lewisburg District, to shine the light of Christ in a powerful way by collecting Cleaning Kits (formerly known as Flood Buckets) to help replenish the supplies that will surely be decimated by the needs following Harvey.

Between now and our Cluster Charge Conferences, I'm asking you to work together in your church or charge to compile as many Cleaning Kits as possible. Place the attached list in bulletins and newsletters. Contact businesses and other organizations for help. Then, bring them with you to Charge Conference, and we will pray over them together before seeing that they make their way to Mission Central for distribution through our UMCOR partners. Some of our churches may be able to pull together 2 or 3 buckets. Some may be able to collect 10 times that, or more. What matters is that, when we all do our part, we'll find that we are, indeed, better together! In Christ's service with you,

Larry (Lewisburg District Superintendent)



Prizes In case of rain or excessive heat a modified Block Party will be held inside the church.

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YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE:

September 3rd

- Movie- "God's Not Dead 2" 7:00pm-10:00pm (Jr. High) 7:00pm-Midnight (Sr. High)
- **Praise Team Practice**
- Create spaghetti dinner advertising posters
- Drawing competition for murals

September 10th

Games at Field of Faith 5:30-7:30pm

September 15th (Friday)

Prep for spaghetti dinner 5:00-7:00pm

September 16th

Spaghetti Dinner 3:00pm set up 4:00-8:00pm serve & clean up

September 24th

Toby Mack Concert-Bloomsburg Fair 7:30pm

October 1st

"Identity" Series -6:30-8:00pm

October 8th

"Identity" Series -6:30-8:00pm

October 15th

Identity" Series -6:30-8:00pm

October 22nd

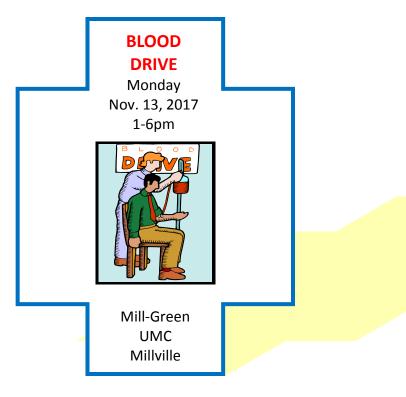
No Youth Group

October 27th (Friday)

Trunk or Treat 4:00pm-?

October 29th

6:30-8:00pm Games?



PA Dept. of Health Immunization Clinic

Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 Friday, October 20, 2017 9am -12noon

Held at the Millville Building Social Hall for anyone without medical insurance, or if your insurance does not cover the immunization.

Please call ahead for appointment and the immunization you will be needing: Shingles, Flu, HIV, STD's or children's immunizations.

570-275-7092





These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

- 1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
- 2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
- 3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

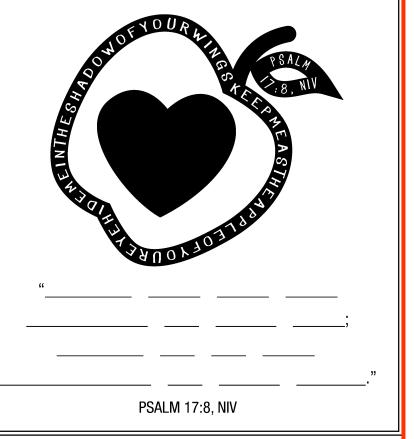




APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



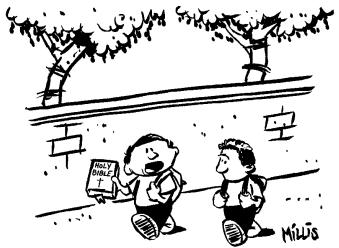
Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV



JUST FOR YOU KIDS!



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"Pastor says all the answers are in here. I guess he never had to take one of Miss Hathorne's geography exams."



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER



Saturday, September 16, 2017 4:00-7:00pm

Mill-Green Building Social Hall State Street, Millville

Adults \$8.00 Kids \$4.00 Kids under 5 eat free

Side salads & garlic bread included. To-Go orders available. (Pick up between 4-7pm)

Purchase your ticket from any youth member Walk-ins are also welcome

Please see page 13 for tickets

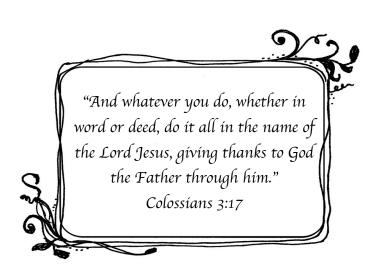


Books and more books....

Mission Central in Mechanicsburg accepts Christian books. They are distributed to many places, both in the US and overseas. I am collecting any Christian books (including Bibles) for Mission Central and plan to deliver the books sometime in September. If you have any books to contribute, please



let me know – Julie Shoup, 570-458-0418 or jshoup4@verizon.net. Will be happy to pick them up. Thanks.



MATTHEW SMITH CONCERT-7PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH MILLVILLE BLDG

Matthew Smith is a Nashville-based singersongwriter who writes brand new melodies to centuries-old hymn texts, helping guide people into emotionally honest worship. He is a founding member of the Indelible Grace community, whose work has drawn acclaim across denominational lines and is used in churches around the world. Born out of a college ministry, the reimagined hymns have found wide acceptance both among college students and the church at large, joining people who desire to honor tradition with those who want a modern musical approach. His latest album is *QuietHymns*.



countless victories!





TOBYMAC Sunday, September 24th Order tickets by phone or online: 570-387-4145 www.bloomsburgfair.com



The Mill-Green UMC carnival stand raised \$3,549.00 Thank you to everyone who gave their time and supplies to make this a success! Proceeds go to The Love Fund which helps families in the Millville area.



ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME crophungerwalk.org

~ Save the Date ~

The Millville Ministerium CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 15th. Registration and devotions are at 1:30 pm and we walk at 2 pm.

You can sponsor someone or walk 1, 2 or 5 miles. 25% of the funds raised go

to our Millville Service Committee! I need someone to help me with "administrative duties" which entails 2-3 hours before the walk and 1-2 hours after. If you can help, contact me, Cindy Lyons @ 570-394-1450.

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Please return your ticket to any youth member, Colleen Temple, or Ryan Craig



BIRTHDAYS AND *ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Michelle Boone
- 2 Howard Bieber, Tonny Temple
- 3 Johanna Bangs, Ruth Smith, Ben Wolff, *Jason & Rhonda Shultz
- 4 Bill Albertson, Amber Starr
- 5 Rehna Wallace, *Dylan & Mackenzie (Berger) Farr
- 6 *Brad & Martie Johnson
- 7 Erica Hayes,*Scott & Jen Huff
- 8 Keri Gaito
- 9 Lisa Laubach
- 10 Stephen Gaito, Bonnie Mordan,*Dennis & Carol Hayes
- 11 Keith Bangs
- 13 Julie Shoup, *Larry & Ginger Garner,*Mark & Bonnie Mordan
- 16 Larry Garner, Paul Morris, *Kevin & Patty Solomon
- 17 Gina Reese, Chris Ringer
- 18 Chris Strozyk
- 19 Lois Artman, George Wilcox, Jill Deitrick
- 20 Glenn Farr
- 21 Hayley Reichner
- 22 Shawn Shoemaker
- 24 Emily Arner, Krista Wright
- 25 Dale Hock
- 26 Martie Johnson
- 27 Kayleen Faatz, Jason Deitrick
- 30 Rick Reichner, Demaree Showers, Nick Wolff

OCTOBER

- 1 Austan Laubach, Louise Bartholomew
- 2 Rick Jacobs, *T.R. & Lisa Hardic
- 3 Grant Bitler, Naomi Frantz, *Bob & Cheryl Kessler
- 4 Elise Beishline, Colt Rider
- 5 Brian Crawford, P.J. Steiner

- 6 Kathy Hopewell, Drew Shultz, Seth Watts, Curtis Whitmoyer
- 8 Taylor Hayes, *Brian and Lori Parker, *Laura (Leighow) & Eric Masters
- 9 Mike Kakaley
- 10 Greg Bitler
- 11 Melissa Chappell, Troy Crawford, T.R. Hardic, Sue Laubach, Tom Nickles, Stephanie Shultz, Allyson Lesho
- 12 * Don & Arla Jean Morris
- 13 Joyce Hack, Janet McSwain, Blake Reed, Tom Reese, Tommy Starr II, *Steve & Janet Mengle, *Ed &Jamie Zeisloft
- 14 Carlene Blagrave, *Joe & Stephanie Andreacci, *Jerre & Carolyn Wright
- 15 James Hayes
- 16 Bill Anderson
- 17 Eric Hack, Jennifer Huff, Autumn Gilmore,*Richard & Marcia Temple
- 18 Mikayla Arner, Heather Claypool, Kathie Davis, Deborah Morris, Madison Parker, *Roy & Kay Temple
- 19 Josh Bangs, Scott Chappell, Nathan Hardic, Nancy Nicholson
- 20 *George & Brenda Wilcox
- 21 Kyle Davis, *Shawn & Colleen Temple, *Justin & Christine Beishline
- 22 Jim Arner, Dawn Eves, Lisa Gordner,*Ken & Melissa Chappell, *Todd & Maria Valles
- 23 Jeffrey Lyons, Caleb Temple
- 24 Darl Fought, Corey Wolff
- 25 Roger Bloom, Saundra Lewis, Zach Pearson, Bob Watts, *Dave & Kay Lou Case
- 26 Mark Mordan
- 27 Paul Hilner, Charity Morris, Pam Pearson,
- 28 Corey Boudman
- 29 Barbara Welliver-Bramer, *Steven & Shirley Brito
- 30 Kelly Garner, Luke Zeisloft , *George & Sue Myers
- 31 Mary Crawford, Dave Sinegra,

