

# The Moscow United Methodist Church Newsletter

October 2010

“When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.” (1 Cor. 9:22-23)

## *From the Pastor*

As a family we are once again in the midst of looking at colleges as my middle son, Josiah is now a Senior in high school. I have been amazed and the quantity of mail that he has been receiving from prospective colleges. (It is a bit of a relief to see that he now get's more letters than we get bills although I know that will be short lived. Once he starts college their mailings will stop and we'll have one more, much larger bill to pay.)

At any rate, it is interesting to see the variety of publications, postcards and pieces of mail that college admissions departments send out. Some are very colorful and creative. Colleges and universities are not just using relying on printed media but are using technology as well. Virtually all the schools now have interactive websites and some are using the social media sites as well. Through these various means of communication, all these colleges and universities are seeking to get a prospective student to stop, take interest and investigate what their particular school has to offer.

Perhaps the church could be more adaptive or persistent in its ways of reaching out to get its message across. Sometimes we get caught up in always doing things the same way we have always done them and we wonder why people don't respond. We live in a world where there are many things vying for people's time and attention. The church can always seek to be more creative and persistent in helping people to stop and hear the message that God loves them and that there is a place in Moscow UMC for them.

I am so pleased that we have our newly updated website: [www.moscowumc.com](http://www.moscowumc.com). This is one means that our members as well as individuals in our community can find out what Moscow UMC has to offer. I hope you will take the time to check it out - you can listen to Sunday services; see what's happening on the church's calendar of events; or view photos from recent church activities. This is one new way to learn about what's going on and be better connected.

Another effort that is underway in reaching people in our community is a small group that has been talking about a new vision of how we can be the church. (The New Vision group has been meeting Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and you are welcome join us!)

The group would like our congregation to learn more about how we can be more pro-active in creating a welcoming culture in our congregation. To do this we will be holding some small discussion groups beginning the week of October 25<sup>th</sup> centered around the theme *No Perfect People Allowed*. The discussion groups will be based on the book of the same name. I hope you join a discussion group or join in as we learn more on Sunday mornings about creating a welcoming culture in Moscow UMC.

As the church we can learn, grow and find new ways to reach out and open our doors and open our lives to those in our community who can hear of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Open Hearts . . . Open Minds . . . Open Doors.

Your fellow servant on the journey,

*Pastor Jon*



**Member Information Update**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday**

Scripture Reader: Jack Carling  
Greeters: Tom & Lynn Reese  
Ushers: Alan Plociniak  
Wendy Simons  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Adult Choir

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture Reader: Michelle Elmquist  
Greeters: Hugh & Sarah Miller  
Ushers: Karen Morgan &  
Susan Shotwell  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Youth Choirs

**October 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture Reader: Dustin Brown  
Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Beth Buser  
Ushers: Gus & Vicki Herman  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Adult Choir

**Coffee Hour**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After  
Pentecost**

Scripture Reader: Ray Roese  
Greeters/Ushers: Ken & Carol Reuther  
Ushers: Roger & Lynn Crannell  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Special Music: Bell Ringers

**October 31<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After  
Pentecost**

Scripture Reader: Joyce Swartz  
Greeters/Ushers: Lee & Peg Benjamin  
Ushers: Nate & Yvonne Bifano  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Special Music: Adult Choir

The update of the church database has been completed. I will be sending all members, and regular attendees the current information we have. Please confirm existing information and provide us with any new information needed. Updating the church database with the new information will help us to report to conference more quickly and accurately, to help us assist you in a more timely manner and confirm existing information. When you receive this request please follow the instructions and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank You!

Michelle Elmquist  
Office Manager



**November Newsletter Deadline  
Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please send us any information for November and other fall events, as well as any other communications you would like to be included in this issue.



**If You Are a Hospital Patient**

Please tell the hospital that you are a member of the Moscow UMC. If you would like a visit from the pastor, please give the hospital permission to notify the church/pastor and contact the church office or Pastor Jon. All information is kept confidential.

## *In Appreciation*

*I would like to say "Thank You" to the many wonderful people at Moscow Methodist Church for the many, many beautiful Birthday cards, flowers and telephone calls I received for my 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I am sure, from all the love and prayers I received God will allow me and bless me to stay healthy for the next 2 years, so I may celebrate with you all my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was so great for me to have so many beautiful people remember me at my age.*

*Thank you once again.*

*God Bless You All*

*Love & Prayers.*

*Hannah*

*(DeLar)*



### **HELP – We need your eyes and ears!**

If you know of anyone in our congregation who needs or would like to be thought of by receiving a card from our church we would be happy to send them one.

Please call 842-7383 with the information!

Thank You,  
Cong. Care/Card Ministry  
Dawn Biesecker & Carol Spadea

## **WEBSITE LAUNCH**

A new part to our website is available. If you would like information about our preschool you can visit <http://www.moscowumc.com/preschool>.

As always church information can be found at [www.moscowumc.com](http://www.moscowumc.com).



### **Multimedia Specialist Schedule**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Dustin Brown**  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – *To Be Announced*  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – *To Be Announced*  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – *To Be Announced*  
October 31<sup>st</sup> – **Barb Buxton**

*If you are interested in becoming a Multimedia Specialist please contact J Croom at*



### **Recycle Your Inkjet Cartridges**

Our church can get money for your old inkjet cartridges! If you don't recycle them on your own please recycle them with us. Help our church save money and help the environment at the same time.

## Upcoming Events

Moscow UMC's Church Conference October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mystery Dinner Theatre – October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Auction – Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>

## EQUAL EXCHANGE

### HELP FIGHT POVERTY AND HUNGER AROUND THE WORLD!

If you think life is TIGHT for you, begin to think about those in the world who have so much less.

We as Christians can help in small ways simply by joining forces with United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR has been aiding small scale farmers break out of the cycle of poverty for some 70 years.

By buying Equal Exchange fair traded COFFEE and CHOCOLATE or TEA, we are helping!!

SO COME BUY! SOMETHING YOU USE EVERYDAY. New order coming in October and NEW chocolates.

**BUY and TRY!!**  
**REMEMBER: YOU ARE BLESSED!!**

P.S. Notify Tita Buxton of your preferences in our coffee or chocolate for our next order. Regular customers please tell me your wants.

## Building Usage

SPRC Meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
Trustees Meeting – October 7<sup>th</sup> 7 PM  
Ad Council Meeting – October 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Roese-Genovese Wedding – October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mystery Dinner Theatre – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>



### Mark your Calendars! Moscow UMC's Church Conference Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday morning October 17<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 am worship time. Rev. Beth Jones, Scranton District Superintendent will be with us for the morning. The P/SPRC will be meeting with her before worship at 10:15 AM

A coffee hour will follow the service.

### District Day Apart For all Clergy & Laity

Oct. 21, 2010  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Gabriel's Retreat Center  
Clarks Summit

*Please contact the district office if you plan to attend.*

**Church Website**

[www.moscowumc.com](http://www.moscowumc.com)

**Special Thanks to J Croom** for all his time and dedication to the Church Website. He has done a wonderful job!! If you haven't had a chance to check it out go onto [www.moscowumc.com](http://www.moscowumc.com).

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Linda Verraastro**

- For the month of August we received \$12,498 in the General Fund account, which included pledge income of \$10,134.
- Based on our 2010 budget, we need \$14,117 per month to meet expenses including ministry shares.
- As of Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> we have paid only 33% of our 2010 ministry shares commitment of \$22,515.

Please try to keep your pledge current or consider making an extra donation if you are able.



## **Entertainment Books**

We are selling 2011 Entertainment Books as a general fundraiser for the church. Cost is \$25 per book. If interested please contact Tara Bassi @ 842-3505 or [tarabassi@comcast.net](mailto:tarabassi@comcast.net) Books will be on sale through December and make a great gift!!!

*Eye on the Congregation*

If you would like to see one of our church members on the Price is Right, tune in October 6th at 11:00 on CBS!

## **COMMITTEES**

### **P/SPRC**

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

### **Trustees**

Next meeting will be held on Thursday October 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

### **Ad Council**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM.



If you or someone you know is in need of transportation to or from church services, we will be glad to coordinate a ride for them. Please contact our committee chair, Vicki Herman at 842-3363. In addition if you are willing to be a driver please contact Vicki as well.

## **Bethel AME Homeless Shelter**

Donna Tucker will be collecting blankets, sheets, pillows, (clean and in good condition) soap, shampoo etc for the shelter. This is a year round project, since the shelter is open all year. The items could be left at the church and Donna will pick them up on Sundays

# Moscow UMC Annual Fall Auction

Saturday, November 13, 2010

6:00 PM - Open for browsing at 5:30 PM

\*\*\*\*\*

The church is asking each member to donate items or services to be auctioned off at our Annual Auction on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please use this form to indicate what you will be donating and return it to Joyce Swartz. Please have items to the Social Hall by November 11<sup>th</sup> with your name and the value of the item taped to it. Fresh items may be brought to the Social Hall on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. For more information, Joyce can be reached at 842-2722 or Michelle Elmquist at 842-4361 or by email [elmquistfamily@comcast.net](mailto:elmquistfamily@comcast.net).

Please indicate the approximate value of the item or service you are donating to the Auction and return this sheet to Joyce Swartz's mailbox in the Coatroom:

Example: \$25.00 Relaxing Bath Gift Basket

Gift baskets are our best selling items! Perhaps you could donate a gift basket filled with -

Value:

- Bath or personal care items (circle one)
- Cooking or baking items (circle one)
- Baby or child-care items (circle one)
- Hair care items
- Gardening items
- Car care items
- Sewing, knitting or craft items (circle one)
- School items
- Nail care items
- Children's books
- Foods (ex. Pasta dinner or Football Party basket)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

People love to purchase services they would normally pay for. Can you supply any of the following services?

- A haircut, perm or color (circle one or more)
- Landscaping services
- Electrical, plumbing, heating services
- Professional services (doctor, lawyer, C.P.A.)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Lawn mowing - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Snow plowing - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Snow shoveling - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Perform musical services for a wedding
- Raking leaves - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Handyman work or home repair - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Housecleaning - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Wash and wax car
- Chauffer service or Errand running
- Babysitting - \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ New small appliance \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Catered dinner for \_\_\_\_ (how many) serving
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ An antique item
- \_\_\_\_\_ Greens fees at your golf club

Maybe you could donate an item from your home or business, or perhaps the company you work for could donate an item in your name -

Value:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Gift certificate to local restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concert Tickets to \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ An everyday or holiday wreath or Xmas tree
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas cookies - \_\_\_\_\_ dozen
- \_\_\_\_\_ A holiday pie or pie-of-the-month
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make bread-of-the-month (or dessert)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donate your lake house or condo for a weekend (mountain, lake, beach)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bushel of fruit in season
- \_\_\_\_\_ Home canned vegetables \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Home canned preserves \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baked item \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crocheted or knitted item \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Quilted item \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Craft item \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Painting (Indoor or outdoor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal centerpiece or plant item (circle one)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Firewood (pick up or deliver?)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Gift certificates to teach others are wonderful auction items. Can you teach any of the following?

- Piano or music lessons (circle one)
- Gardening
- Cooking, baking or canning (circle one)
- Knitting or crocheting or tatting (circle one)
- Computer Instruction
- Carving or woodworking (circle one)
- Painting or Stenciling (circle one)
- Sketching or Art (circle one)
- Ceramics or crafts (circle one)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I will solicit donations from local businesses (please wait for our OK to avoid overlap)**
- I will pick up items from local businesses as asked or make phone calls (circle one)**
- I will help set up the auction items**
- I will help with the auction on that night**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



**News From Our Music Department**

Greetings from the music staff of our Church. The fall season is upon us our music programs are in full swing. We hope many of you will plan to take part in our music rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. New youth and adult musicians are always welcome. For anyone interested, a simple supper is planned for each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. You don't need to be a musician to join in this relaxed mealtime, just let us know you will be attending.

- 5:00 – Fellowship Supper
- 6:00 – Chime Ringers – music room
- 5:30 – Youth Choir – downstairs
- 6:00 – Children's Choir – downstairs
- 6:30 – Festival Ringers – music room
- 7:30 – Adult Choir – music room

For more information you may call:

- Michelle Elmquist—Church Office 842-7251
- Debbie Hafler—Youth Choirs 842-9644
- Michael Shoff—Bell Ringers 346-5998
- Norman Campbell—Director of Music/  
Adult Choir 785-3274

**KNOW YOUR HYMNS**

- Dentist's Hymn .....  
I Will Wear A Crown
- Weatherman's Hymn.....  
Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn.....  
I'm Building A Home
- The Tailor's Hymn.....  
Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Plumber's Hymn .....  
There's A Leak In This Old Building

**Nursery Volunteers Needed**

We are blessed to have Betty Koss as our regular Nursery Caregiver every Sunday morning during worship. Yet, to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy we need volunteers to assist Betty on Sunday mornings. If you can help our please call the office at 842-7251.

**Sunday School Beginning  
for 2010-2011**

The first day of Sunday School for the 2010-2011 year began on September 12, 2010 at 9:30 am. We are off to a good start.

***We are in need of Sunday School Teachers!!***

We could also use some of the following items, juice boxes, fruit snacks (individual packets), and paper plates.

To register new students or to ask any questions please contact Diane Croom at 842-8805.



**Acolytes Needed**

Acolytes play an important role in our Sunday morning worship services by leading the choir and lighting our altar candles. Being an acolyte offers our young people a chance to learn more about worship service and allows them to take a more active role. All children who are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or up are encouraged to sign up to help serve as an acolyte.

Please call Consuelo Brown 848-1390. We will be scheduling a meeting/training session soon.

Thank You!



## Mystery Dinner Theatre

### “A Perilous Night at Pirate’s Perch”

**Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm**

**Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

“A Perilous Night at Pirate’s Perch”, a mystery dinner theater presentation of the MUMC “Not Ready for Primetime Players” is scheduled for Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 and Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. Don’t miss it!

You’ll have a chance to visit a quaint old inn in Moosemouth, Maine and meet the owners, Gladys and Eli Hicks and their clutzy son, Wally. Little do they realize that their old inn, which hasn’t had a guest in years, is about to fill up with a bizarre medley of guests, including a crooked real estate developer, a suspicious investigative journalist, an archaeologist, and a greedy, grasping couple from Beacon Hill. Soon the quiet inn will become a hotbed of smugglers, swindlers, and even a murder! With your help, perhaps Sheriff Dwayne Dudley will be able to solve the crime.

Tickets, including a good ol’ fashioned New England dinner, are only \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children age 10 and under. Call the church office (842-7251) by Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for your reservation.

### “Not Ready For Primetime Player” Rehearsal Schedule

**Mondays 9/13 – October 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

#### **Dress Rehearsals**

**Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**

## “No Perfect People Allowed”

**How can we create a come-as-you-are church culture?**

Join a small group to discover how God is constructing the church out of imperfect people, often in seemingly hopeless situations.

No Perfect People Allowed will show us how to remove the five main barriers standing etwen emerging generations and our church!!

Small groups will be starting the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 842-7251.



## Fall Auction

**Saturday**

**November 13, 2010**

**5:30 pm doors open**

**6:00 pm Auction begins**

**We need volunteers to help  
contact businesses for donation.**

**Plases Help Us Out!**

Please contact Michelle Elmquist at 842-4361 or Joyce Swartz at 842-2722 if you can assist or if you have any questions.





## ♥ FOR YOUR HEALTH ♥

### Nurses Information Table

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
submitted by Barb Buxton

I want to invite you to stop by the nurse's information table in the narthex for information on mental health. Feel free to stop and browse and take some information if you like. A nurse will also be available to check your blood pressure. The table will be set up the second and fourth Sundays of the month and each month the information will change. Looking forward to seeing you!



### Health Fair and Family Walk

**Goldsboro United Methodist Church**  
**October 9, 2010**  
**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Family Walk begins at 1:30 PM at Union Park

Blood Pressure Screening  
Refreshments, Door Prizes

For information, please contact Paige Thompson  
Wendling RN at 570-843-5070



### DIANA BUTLER BASS AT HAWLEY UMC OCTOBER 9 & 10

The Hawley UMC is bringing Dr. Diana Butler Bass to the church the weekend of October 9-10. Dr. Bass is one of the leading writers and lecturers on effective ministry in mainline churches as can be seen in her award-winning book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. Her most recent book, *The People's History of the Church*, has been well-received and offers insight as to how the church has proven her faithfulness to her calling over the centuries.

Dr. Bass will be offering an all-day discussion on Saturday, the 9th, and preaching at the two services on Sunday, the 10th.

Information is available on the church Website [hawleyumc.org](http://hawleyumc.org), by e-mail [hawleyumc@verizon.net](mailto:hawleyumc@verizon.net) or by phone at 570-226-3875.

Rev Martin L. Cox, Jr.



Hello Youth Group!!! We just held our first meeting! There was food and fun and planning.

All meetings are after Sunday Worship every other Sunday.

Our tentative Schedule for rest of 2010 is as follows:

- October 10 – Regular Meeting/  
**Parent Meeting 2:00 PM**
- October 24 – Youth Sunday Planning  
(Short Meeting)
- October 30 – Fun Event ( *Haunted House* )
- November 6 – HOAGIE SALE
- November 7 – Youth Sunday  
Hot Hoagie Sale / brief meeting
- November 21 – Regular meeting or volunteer  
experience
- December 5 – Wrap Shoe Boxes
- December 19 – Gift Box  
packing/Delivering/Caroling
- December 21 – Project Joy

Start Saving Shoe shoeboxes for Christmas gifts to our shut-ins!!

Keep an eye out for emails!! Call Miss Debbie or Miss Michelle at 842-7251 if you have any questions or need any information.

**Parents** - At the Parent meeting please plan on signing up for a Sunday to provide lunch, sign forms (permission/emergency), possible mission trip, volunteers for shoe box delivery!! If you have any questions or ideas please share as well!!

# Mission Opportunities

## Items Needed for Container Shipment to Nicaragua

Calvary UMC and St. Paul's UMC in the State College District sponsor an orphanage and send medical teams to Nicaragua, along with St. Paul's Lutheran and Grace Lutheran. This is their first time sending a container. Steve Herman is handling the container with Missionary Expeditors and the project is confirmed at Mission Central. The ship date is Monday, Oct. 11, so items need to be collected by Oct. 2. They will be collected at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg.

### Items needed:

- Toddler beds; if possible natural wood.
- standard sized mattresses for toddler beds
- cribs w/waterproof mattresses
- stroller for multiple children
- child sized table for more than 4 children to sit at
- gas dryer (ex: whirlpool 7.0 cu. ft. 10 - cycle super capacity)
- lawn mower; professional quality
- refrigerator
- professional food grinder and blender
- commercial stainless steel cookware; restaurant size
- solar hot water heater, passive (3 sets)
- well pump (like Franklin Electric Eagle 4000 series, model 244 508 90, 1 horsepower)
- lockable wooden teacher's cabinet
- lockable medicine cabinet to hang on wall
- tires for ministry Toyota truck: 215/75 R16C, 116/114R
- tires for yellow school bus: 10.00-20
- projector (minimum 2000 ANSI Lumen)
- TV - new enough to be used with a DVD player

## Wheels for the World Mission Project

If you have any used wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or canes you can donate them to Wheels for the World, a mission started by Joni Erikson Tada and Friends. This organization takes these used items, rehabs them and sends them around the world to those with handicapping conditions. If you have wheelchair, walker, crutch or cane that you would like to donate you may contact the Myrtle St. UMC at 346-9911.

## The Dry Goods Pantry needs our Help!!!

By Yvonne Bifano

Summer and the economy have taken their toll on the contributions and donations received for the Dry Goods Pantry.

65 families from the NP area are serviced every month and have to be registered with the Food Pantry in order to receive their "bag of goodies".

Every month there are the same basic eight items: 1) 2 double and one single roll of toilet tissue, 2) paper towels, 3) facial tissues (sometimes paper napkins), 4) tooth paste (sometimes tooth brushes, 5) dish liquid, 6) shampoo, 7) 2 bars bath soap, 8) an extra such as laundry detergent, multi-purpose household cleaner. These are not items that people can get through WIC or food stamps and each family receives the same amount, regardless of family size.

The Dry Goods pantry, based at Maple Lake UM Church relies exclusively on donations and fundraisers and the cost to provide these families with some of the necessities costs between \$250 & \$300 a month.

October's item for collection is **Dish Liquid** so, if we all bring in just one of these items each month, it would be a big help to these families. Thank you all for your help and support to The Dry Goods Pantry.

## THIS AUTUMN

### at SKY LAKE

#### Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 3 1:30pm - 5:00pm**

*Scavenger hunt registration deadline Oct.1*  
Silent Basket Auction, Pie Sale, Baked Potato Bar, and Much More ..  
*"a fun way for families and youth groups to help replenish the Campership Fund"*

#### Ladies of the Lake

**October 8-10**

*"a retreat just for women, featuring mild and wild activity options"*

**Save \$25 when registering by Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### Sky Lake golf Tournament

**Saturday, October 16**

Registration due Friday Oct 8

*"a new and exciting way to help raise money for Sky Lake"*

#### Ecumenical Scripture Institute

**November 18-20**

*"a top notch educational opportunity for clergy and laity"*

*Registration due by October 18, 2010.*

*For more information on these upcoming events, please see your sky Lake Representative, Pastor, visit [www.skylake.center.org](http://www.skylake.center.org) or call the Sky Lake*

*Office at 607-467-2750*



#### New Conference Information

Websites:

[www.cpcumc.org](http://www.cpcumc.org) Look for the Susquehanna Conference logo.

[www.NewConferences.info](http://www.NewConferences.info) has a direct link to the Central PA Conference updates page.

## Community Events

**R.A.D Systems Self-Defense Courses** for Women of all ages  
Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked?  
**New Day of Week!!**

Dates: Wednesdays in October 2010  
(6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Location: Moscow Borough Police Department  
123 Van Brunt Street  
Moscow, Pa 18444

Cost: \$35.00 which includes four sessions of realistic and dynamic hands on training. Comprehensive reference manual, actual-live simulations with a certified instructor, and a lifetime membership policy. This means you can attend additional RAD training classes in Moscow or anywhere in the U.S. for free.

Contact Chief Ivy L. Brenzel (570) 842-2061 or [moscowboropolice@verizon.net](mailto:moscowboropolice@verizon.net)

## Crop Walk

The Newfoundland Moravian Church is hosting the annual Crop Walk on October 17 beginning at 2PM at Promised Land State Park. The Crop Walk is part of the church World Service's programs to provide food, equipment, and education in order to feed needy families. Many families have to walk over 5 miles in order to get needed food and water.

All ages are welcome to join this event.

If you would be interested in joining us in this worthwhile event please contact Bob and Liz Haber at 689-7362 or e-mail at [RJH689@aol.com](mailto:RJH689@aol.com).

*For more information on a Crop Walk call 1-888-297-2767 or go on-line at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).*

## GRANDMA'S HANDS

*From the internet*

Grandma, at some ninety-plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move but just sat with her head down staring at her hands. When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence, and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," she said in a strong, clear voice.



"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to her. "Have you ever looked at your hands?" she asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?" I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making. Grandma smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, although wrinkled, shriveled and weak, have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

"They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor.

"They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war.

"They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I first tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and that I loved someone special.

"They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and then my spouse.

"They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook as fists of anger when I didn't understand.

"They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and still continue to fold in prayer.

"These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life.

"But more importantly, it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

I will never look at my hands the same again. And I remember what she said the day that God reached out and took my Grandma's hands and led her home.

When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of Grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God.

