

The Moscow United Methodist Church Newsletter

May 2010

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland..” (Isaiah 43:19)

From the Pastor

In a recent conversation with my wife in the midst of our busy lives I have said that we really should sit down and plan our vacation this summer. We've nailed down some dates but we haven't finally selected the destination(s) or itinerary. I confess, that I am one who likes to have plan in place so we know where we are going and what we plan to do. I like to know what will happen on our trip so I'm pushing our family to sit down and plan the direction we want to go.

This coming summer, the churches of our annual conference are also embarking on a new direction in our faith journey and we are not sure where we are going. On July 1, 2010, two new annual conferences will be born in the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference. At the same time, the New England Annual Conference will expand and five other annual conferences will become a part of United Methodist Church history.

Churches in the New York State portions of the Troy Annual Conference and the Wyoming Annual Conference will join with those of the North Central New York Annual Conference and the Western New York Annual Conference to be come one under the leader ship of Bishop Marcus Matthews.

Congregations of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference will join with those of the Wyoming Annual Conference located in the commonwealth to create what is likely to be known as the Susquehanna Annual Conference. It will make up the Harrisburg Episcopal Area under the leadership of Bishop Jane Allen Middleton. The new Susquehanna Conference will consist of some 950+ churches that will offer a richness of new opportunities for relationship, mission and ministry together.

One of the new opportunities is for reaching out in mission is a new relationship with Mission Central. Mission Central is a large warehouse that supply humanitarian goods and logistical services to hundreds different ministry and social service agencies. Since its beginning in June 2002, Mission Central has hosted tens of thousands of volunteers who come to experience being "the hands and feet of God" in service and we will have opportunities to join in this mission.

Another benefits of joining together with many other churches will be that our church will be able to join together with the 950+ churches to form a group insurance plan. We will be able to have better insurance coverage at a cheaper cost per church.

The creation of the new Susquehanna Conference means there will be some uncertainty and yes, some anxiety. But God is doing a new thing, and there is excitement about new possibilities to be in ministry with new people. While we may not know all of the details about where our journey will lead, God knows. Just like in our own journeys of life, God will prepare the way and most importantly, God promises to go with us all along the way.

Your fellow servant on the journey,

Pastor Jon



Worship Schedule

May 2nd – 5th Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

Nursery: Betty Koss
Special Music: Youth Sunday

May 9th – 6th Sunday of Easter Receiving of New Members

Scripture Reader: Scott Long
Nursery: Betty Koss
Special Music: Children's Choirs

Happy Mother's Day

May 16th – 7th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Reader: Donna Long
Nursery: Betty Koss
Special Music: Adult Choir
Bible Presentation to 3rd Graders

May 23rd – Pentecost Sunday

Scripture Reader: Lindsay Croom
Nursery: Betty Koss
Special Music: Adult Choir

Receive Confirmands
Great 50 Days Basket Offering
COFFEE HOUR

May 30th – Trinity Sunday

Scripture Reader: Mike Buser
Nursery: Betty Koss
Special Music: Bell Choir

Special Offering: Peace with Justice Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of the United Methodist Church. Peace with Justice Sunday enables the UMC to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.



Office News

Beginning over the next few weeks and throughout the summer I will be updating the church database with new information that will help us to report to conference more quickly and accurately, to help us assist you in a timelier manner and confirm existing information (*such as address, telephone etc..*). When you receive this request please follow the instructions and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank You!
Michelle



Summer Newsletter – Wednesday, May 26th

Information for June, July, August and the beginning of September as well as any other communications you would like to be included in this issue.

Please include fall start up dates and fund raisers!!!



May 1 – Spring Flea Market 9 am – 10 pm
May 2 – District Praise Day
May 5 – Visitation Committee Meeting 6:15pm
May 6 – Hoagie orders due
May 6 – Confirmand Trip-Snowden Funeral Home
May 8 – Hoagie Sale pick-up 11am – 12:30pm
June 4-5 Wyoming Conference
June 6 – Members of Urbane Gospel Choir
June 12 – Susquehanna Conference(Williamsport)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

P/SPRC:

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday
May 4, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Trustees

Next meeting will be held on Thursday,
May 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Ad Council:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday,
May 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Congregational Visitation Committee:

Reorganizational meeting will be held on
Wednesday, May 5 at 6:15 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Verrastro

- For the month of March we received \$12,781 in the offering for the General Fund account, which included pledge income of \$11,680.
- Based on our 2010 budget, we need \$14,117 per month to meet expenses including ministry shares.
- As of March 31st we paid all our general operating bills and \$1,876 toward ministry shares which represents 1/12 of our \$22,515 commitment.

The goal for 2010 is to pay 1/12th of our ministry shares each month while keeping our other expenses current. We met our goal in March, but the General Fund account balance at the end of the month was only \$793. Please continue to give us your support - we still have fuel oil deliveries in April and May.

NEEDED

Areas of the church are in need of members to fill the following requests.

Male Chaperone for youth mission trip.

See the youth section for possible dates and contacts

Dry Goods Representative Needed.

An individual is needed as a Dry Goods representative. Someone to remind the congregation each month what to bring in and deliver the Dry Goods to Maple Lake. If you are interested please contact the office at 842-7251.

BE HEARD – Youth Outreach

Needs chaperones on a rotational basis for Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please contact Janet Brown.

Election Day (May 18th) Soup Makers

Soup makers are needed for the May 18th election day lunch. Please see Jim Smailes to sign up for a soup and get a recipe.



Spring Fair
Saturday May 1, 2010
9am – 2pm

Bethel AME Homeless Shelter

Keith Tucker

Will be closing for the summer on May 1st. They cannot afford to stay open for the summer. If you could please hold your linens and towels until September. If you must get rid of them you may bring them in and they will bring them to the shelter and try to find a place to store them.



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

Aluminum Can Collection

Thank you everyone who has been bringing in your aluminum cans. However, please remember we *only collect aluminum NOT tin or other metals.*



New member classes are currently in session Sundays at 9:45 AM until 10:30 AM. New members will be received on **Sunday May 9th**. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Pastor Jon or the church office at 842-7251.

ELECTION DAY Soup and Sandwich Lunch May 18, 2010

Lunch will be served from 11:00 – 2:00 pm
eat-in or take-out.

Soup take-out will be available until 4:00 pm



Adult Bible Study “Uppity Women of the Bible”

The current "Uppity Women of the Bible" we are studying is be Esther. The next will be Judith.

Join us at 9:30 AM Sunday Mornings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School



it's for life!

Bible presentations to 3rd graders will be on May

Sunday School Recognition is on June 13th.



News From Our Music Department

All our Church music groups are hard at work preparing for Easter and for all the Sunday worship services this spring. It's been a rewarding year for both singers and bell ringers. Each member strives to praise God in music and to benefit from the friendship found in joining with other musicians in that praise.

Adult choir members will be joining Norman Campbell, Choir Director, as members of the praise choir which will be singing for the Praise Day service. This will be Bette Poe's final Praise Day and we hope to help make this an extra special event. The service will be held on Sunday, May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. at the Asbury Methodist Church in Scranton. All are invited to attend. Our adult choir has also been asked to sing at Bette's retirement reception on June 27th. Details will be coming.

Also, a round of applause for our bell ringers. An alumni bell choir from our congregation will be the featured music at the Friday night service of the final Wyoming Conference on June 4, 2010. We hope to have a large turnout from our Church attending that special event.

A special thank you to all our Church musicians for all the long hours and dedication they have shown throughout the year. Congratulations for all the extra honors that have come your way.

For more information:

Debbie Hafler—Youth Choirs 842-9644
Michael Shoff—Bell Ringers 346-5998
Norman Campbell—Director of Music
Adult Choir 785-3274



♥ FOR YOUR HEALTH ♥

Exercise Class

Meets on Wednesday evenings Moscow United Methodist Church at 6:30 pm, Monday evenings at 6:30 and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Depending on weather we are walking outdoors or using a DVD to guide us. Call the office if you are planning on joining us so we can contact you if we must cancel or if we change locations for the day.

Join us!

Blood Drive

Thursday May 20th, Daleville UMC
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SKY LAKE

Sky Lake Brochures are here! See Sarah Shoff our Sky Lake representative or pick one up under church mailboxes.

Upcoming Events

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday May 16 1:30-5:00 pm
Crafts, boating, hayrides, registration etc..
Chicken BBQ (\$9.00 per person save 1.50 if purchased by May 2nd)

Spring Fling 2010: May 28-31 Fun for the whole family! Registration forms available in church office or Visit www.skylakecenter.org.

Other information:

SUMMER STAFF WANTED! Paid and volunteer. More info @ applications at www.skylakecenter.org.

Volunteer Training!

Arrive Friday June 11 at 7:00pm depart Sunday June 13 at 1:00pm. Registration forms available in office.

Moscow Youth Fellowship Hoagie Sale

May 8, 2010

Orders due by Wednesday May 5th

_____ **American Combo Hoagie – Salami, Boiled Ham and American Cheese**
_____ With onion _____ With Out onion

_____ **Amount Due** (\$4.00/ea; 2 @ \$8.00; 3 @ \$12.00; 4 @ \$16.00)

All hoagies come with lettuce, tomato and onion.

Mayonnaise or Italian dressing will be provided in packets on the side.

NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

*All orders can be picked up in the church Social Hall
On Saturday between 11:00 and 12:30*

Mother's Day Bulletin

May 9, 2010

We will be putting names in the bulletin in honor or memory of our mothers on May 9, 2010. The cost is \$1.00 per name. Please fill out and give this form to **Lois Linko** along with payment **by May 2nd**.

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Person ordering: _____ Phone # _____

Community Happenings

MOSCOW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FUNDRAISER: Do you wonder where that delicious smell that is permeating the Borough streets is coming from??? Summer kickoff Chicken BBQ at the firehouse – Sunday, June 6, 2010, Noon – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets are available from any fire company member or at the firehouse on Tue. nights between 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door while they last. Last year tickets sold out early and a lot of people were disappointed. We will also be having a tricky tray raffle. If anyone (resident or business) is interested in donating a basket or gift certificate for the raffle please call Rose at 570-241-7491. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: National Night Out 2010 will take place beginning with block parties on Mon., August 2nd and other activities on Tue., Aug. 3rd. A schedule will be sent out sometime in July. Last year's raffle using items donated by local businesses was very successful and it is the committee's intent to do the same this year.

The theme for the poster and essay contests for 2010 is "Blow a Whistle on Crime". *The poster contest is open to children ages 15 and under and must be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by July 25. The essay contest is open to children between the ages of 10 and 18 and must also be submitted to the Moscow Borough Office by July 25.* The essay should be between 50 and 300 words. All entries for both contests must include the following information on the **BACK** of the submission: name, address, phone number, and age of participant. We would ask that you encourage your children to participate in both of these activities. Prizes will be awarded for both contests on the evening of National Night Out.

r.a.d. KIDS SUMMER SAFETY CAMP 2010: The r.a.d.KIDS Summer Safety Camp for 2010 offered by Chief Ivy Brenzel for children 5–7 (9a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) and 8–12 (12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.) is scheduled for July 26 to 30. If you have a child in each age group or siblings who you want to attend together, call for further information. The cost is \$20 per child (free for r.a.d.KIDS members, but must register to attend). Please call Chief Brenzel at 842-2061 for further information.



May

- 2 - Youth Sunday
- 8 – Saturday – Hoagie Sale - 9:00 AM
- 9 – No Meeting –
Do something nice for Mom

Next meeting to be announced.
Possibly May 23rd.



Information

WE NEED A MALE CHAPERONE or we may not be able to make this happen!!

Potential mission trip dates are Sunday June 20th to June 25th
or
July 4th to July 9th

Potential locations are Rutland, Vermont or
Stubinville, Ohio

Any Senior and Junior High youth group members that are interested please contact
Lindsay Croom, Deb Hafler or Michelle
Elmquist

Mission Opportunities

Birthing Kits to Be Collected Instead Of Health Kits

The Wyoming Conference Disaster Relief Team will be collecting BIRTHING KITS at Annual Conference on **June 4th and 5th** at the University of Scranton **NOT** Health Kits.

Contents of Birthing Kit

(Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag)

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard

Important Kit Assembly Information:

All items included in the Birthing Kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situation. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more. Do NOT include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at jpykus1@stny.rr.com or 570-278-2251.

*Jane Pykus, Chair
Wyoming Conference Disaster Relief Team*

Mission Central Needs Cleaning (Flood) Buckets

Early on Good Friday morning, Mission Central loaded 504 Cleaning buckets on a truck bound for New England to help the folks affected by the recent flooding in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We now need to replenish our supply for the upcoming hurricane season. Completed buckets or bucket "ingredients" may be brought to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg or you may contact your local HUB. A listing of Mission Central HUBs with phone numbers can be found on our website, www.missioncentral.org and then click on HUBs on the right side of the page. Please call 717-766-1533 with any questions.

Great 50 Days Offering (Easter – Pentecost)

As always we will be collecting Hygeine kits and school bags as well as birthing kits to bring to Our Annual Conference. But in addition, goals for this year's monetary offerings include: for the Haiti Partnership \$5,000 to support clean water projects, \$7,000 for school director & 8 teacher salaries, \$2,000 for a hot lunch program at school, \$28,000 to hire workers & buy materials for 7 VIM teams to help rebuild after the earthquake. Goals for Friends of Zimbabwe include \$7,500 to sponsor orphaned children by feeding, sheltering & clothing each orphan, \$250 for cooking oil presses, \$500 to provide Christian Ed teaching supplies & \$500 to provide Pastors' materials including bibles.

The Moscow United Methodist Church Preschool

Now accepting registrations for the Pre-Kindergarten class (4/5 year-olds), Nursery Preschool class (3 year-olds) and Parent-Child Funtime Workshop (Mommy & me) class (2-year-olds) for the Fall 2010 session. The Pre-Kindergarten morning class is full but there is a waiting list. For more details, please contact Jeannie Garubba at 842-6800 or 842-6767. Thank you.



Something to Think About

Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.

Mother Teresa



Pre-Conference District Meeting Saturday, May 15 at Asbury UMC 8:30 am – Gathering 9:00 am to 12:00 noon – Meeting

A special DVD is being prepared to explain the various proposals that are being offered for the Susquehanna Conference. There will be presentations on pensions, health care, equitable compensation, ministry shares, etc. District elections will also be held that day. It will be very important for clergy and lay members to attend in order to hear about the proposed upcoming changes.

The initial set of pre-conference materials is posted on the conference website for you to download and use in preparation for the district and annual conference.

You may access the materials by going to the website www.wyomingconference.org, clicking on the "2010 Session of the Wyoming Annual Conference" button and following the links from there.

The set contains reports, resolutions, registration form and other helpful information to help prepare for annual conference. Other materials will be posted in the coming weeks as they are finalized.

New Conference Information

Websites:
www.cpcumc.org Look for the Susquehanna Conference logo.

www.NewConferences.info has a direct link to the Central PA Conference updates page.