

# The Moscow United Methodist Church Newsletter

February 2011

“The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17)

## *From the Pastor*

Perhaps you had noticed that this past fall, just before the cold weather set the old wooden doors of our church were re-painted. They needed it and thanks to Muriel Smailes and some other members of the Wednesday morning crew the doors were given a fresh coat of red paint that is quite eye catching.

If you research why doors to churches are painted red you might find a variety of reasons for the tradition: Red is the color of the Passion. Red doors say that symbolically we enter the church through the Passion, through death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Another reason given is that red doors indicated "sanctuary". Out of ancient history, various places and cities were marked as safe havens, sanctuaries. People fleeing trouble and danger could find respite and welcome for a time. The red door was fair warning to pursuers that they could proceed no further.

The doors to Moscow United Methodist Church are necessary portals to enter in our building. Hopefully they are also a sign of entry into a place of welcome – a place where new authentic relationships can be built - a place where people can find a safe place – a place where they are treated with love, dignity and respect - and a place where one can enter into a loving relationship with God.

This Fall some groups gathered to discuss how we can be more welcoming to those in our community who perhaps have not passed through the doors of our church. We talked about making Moscow UMC a more welcoming place and going out of our way to reach them. As a result we have begun to look at the possibility of creating an additional alternative worship service to reach new people with radical hospitality. Our mission as a church is to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

I would invite you to join in the conversation as we seek to begin this creative task of creating something new in order that more people in our community may enter into not just the red doors of the building but more importantly into a relationship with God. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 as we begin to plan a new thing to invite people to step over the threshold and enter into the welcome embrace of a warm community of faith here at Moscow UMC.

Your fellow servant on the journey,

*Pastor Jon*



**February**  
**Worship Schedule**



**February 6<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

Scripture Reader: Dustin Brown  
Greeters: Boy Scout Troop  
Ushers: Boy Scout Troop  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Youth Choirs

**Youth Group**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

Scripture Reader: Debbie Hafler  
Greeters & Ushers: The Garubba Family  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Adult Choir

**Coffee Hour**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

Scripture Reader: Hugh Miller  
Greeters: Cindy & Howard  
McIntosh  
Ushers: Doreen & Ken Cramer  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Music: Festival Ringers

**Baptism: Scott Bradley Bellefontaine**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany**

Scripture Reader: Pat Miller  
Greeters: Vicki & Gus Herman  
Ushers: Lorie Reigal &  
Ray Roese  
Nursery: Betty Koss  
Special Music: Adult Choir

**New Members Received**

**Soup Luncheon**

Thank you to everyone who returned the membership/constituent information forms. The database update is almost complete.

If you did not receive one and you are a current member or constituent of Moscow UMC. Please contact the church office at 842-7251. These forms are being sent out to confirm information (such as address, email, marital status, children etc..) that the church currently has on file.

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY**

Reminder of snow/ bad weather policy. If the North Pocono School District has a **2 hour delay** then the office will open at **10:00 am**. However, if weather is bad then please call the office to be sure it is open before stopping in. Messages and emails will be checked during regular office hours on these days.



**March Newsletter – Wed., February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Information for March, Spring, Lenten and Easter Events, as well as any other communications you would like to be included in this issue.

**WEBSITES**

As always church information can be found at  
[www.moscowumc.com](http://www.moscowumc.com).  
<http://www.moscowumc.com/preschool>  
[www.susumc.org](http://www.susumc.org)

## DEDICATION

Due to an oversight, we failed to acknowledge the **generous gift given in memory of Gary and Ed Snyder.**

A portion of the funds were used to purchase the liquid Pascal Candle and fuel for use in the sanctuary each Sunday during worship. It serves as a reminder that the light of Christ is always with us.



### Beginning Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>

Pastor Jon will be holding new member classes beginning Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM until 10:30 AM. These classes will run for 4 weeks.

We are potentially looking to receive new members on **Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>.**

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact the church office at 842-7251.



### Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup>

**SOUPS ON!** Our Junior High Youth Group with some help from Senior High is sponsoring its annual soup luncheon on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Come try our Homemade Soups, bread, beverages and desserts.

*Take outs are available!*

## From the Auditors

If you are the treasurer of any committee within the church, the auditors need your books! The audit will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup> and we will return the books as soon as possible.

Please have your books ... **CLEARLY MARKED** and in the church office no later than Sunday, **January 31, 2011.**

If we already have your books Thank you! We will get them back to you as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact Carol Verrone 842-7334.



We can always use more acolytes!! Please Join us for a very important part of the worship service. If you are interested please contact Consuelo Brown or Sharon Kelly.

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ANOTHER ESKIMO BAPTISM GONE BAD

## Treasurer's Report

Linda Verraastro

As of December 31, 2010 all the General Fund account bills were paid, and we saved \$577 by continuing to take advantage of Plociniak Oil's discount program. However we only met 45% of our ministry shares commitment. We needed \$12,383 more to pay 100%.

In 2010 our church reached others outside our walls by donating the following funds which were collected either through the designated envelopes in your packet or special requests.

Bethal A.M.E. Church	228
Clarks Summit UMC (Mission of Peace – Emma Musto)	64
Dorranceton UMC (Haiti Mission – Erin Fiske)	37
Flood Recovery	20
Haiti Partnership	378
Haiti Relief	2,015
Human Relations	75
John St. UMC (Confirmands' trip to NYC)	35
Moscow UMYF Mission Trip	101
Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose	25
Native American	86
Nothing But Nets	372
One Great Hour of Sharing	229
Peace with Justice	65
Sky Lake	249
Sky Lake Camp Scholarships	850
Student Day	58
The Gideons of Lackawanna Cty.	70
West Side Campaign Against Hunger (Confirmands' trip to NYC)	50
World Communion	89
Wyoming Conf. Scholarships	98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,194</b>

We had 10 participants in the Automatic Bank Deposit program whose pledges were deposited into the church's bank account on the first Monday of each month. The program is available all year, and you can change your contribution at anytime. Please contact me at 689-2843 for any information or forms to enroll.

Based on our 2011 budget, we need \$14,548 per month to meet expenses including ministry shares. Our 2011 ministry shares commitment is \$25,433. We are grateful for your continued support of the general operation and maintenance of the church.



## COMMITTEE Meetings

### Trustees

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

### P/SPRC:

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 8, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

### Ad Council:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

### Alternative Worship Planning

Next meeting will be held on Sunday February 13, 2011 at 12:30 PM.

### Mission Outreach

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM.



**The Administrative Council**

**Chair:** Bill Fischer  
**Lay Leader:** Howard McIntosh  
**Trustees Chair:** Bill Wright  
**SPRC Chair:** Howard McIntosh  
**Treasurer:** Linda Verrastro  
**Sunday School Treasurer:** Gail Simpkins  
**Historian:** Muriel Smailes  
**Worship Chair:** Mike Fotta  
**Missions:** Hugh Miller  
**Membership Secretary:** Michelle Elmquist

**Secretary:** Laura Havenstrite  
**Lay Member:** Gary Boam, Jim Smailes  
**Finance Chair:** Glenn Czulada  
**Financial Secretary:** Don Ehrhardt  
**\*Sunday School Superintendent:** Diane Croom  
Michelle Marsh(asst.)  
**Disaster Coordinator:** Merle Lyon  
**UMW/Funeral Dinners:** Paulette Fotta  
Beth Czulada  
**Memorial Fund:** Gail Johns, Carol Reuther

**\*UMYF: Leaders Jr High:** Michelle Elmquist

**Camping Rep:** Sarah Shoff  
**Red Cross Representative:** Mike Buser  
**Transportation Ministry:** Vicki Herman  
**Cong. Care/Card Ministry:** Dawn Biesecker,  
Carol Spadea  
**Parish Nurse Ministry:** Barbara Buxton  
**\*Safe Sanctuary Chair:** JB Bensinger

**Sr. High:** Deborah Hafler  
Lindsay Croom

**Sr. High Student Reps:** Taylor Brown

**Members at Large:** Jack Carling, Gus Herman, Lorie Reigal, Ray Roese, Peg Benjamin, Rudy Elmquist, Cis Lyon

**Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee**

(The Church Lay Member and Lay Leader are also on this committee)

2011	2012	2013
Paula Bowen	Elise Hanna	<u>Merle Lyon</u>
Lori Brink	Corey Fabricatore	<u>Pat Reed</u>
Dick Swartz	Audrey Pierre	

**Trustees**

2011	2012	2013
Al Bendinsky (Wed. AM Rep.)	Dawn Biesecker (Parson Rep)	<u>John Croom</u>
Ray Roese	<u>Bill Wright (Chair)</u>	<u>John Havenstrite (vice-chair)</u>
Marge Sebring (Safe Sanct Rep.)	Beth Czulada (Treas.)	<u>Harriet Hanna (Secretary)</u>

**Committee on Lay Leadership**  
(Lay Leader is also on this committee)

2011	2012	2012
Alice Roese	Mike Buser	<u>Sue Shotwell</u>
Chris Bassi	Gary Wodder	<u>Dan Schilling</u>
Janet Brown	<u>Nancy Schwenk</u>	<u>Deb Hartzell</u>

**Permanent Endowment Committee**  
(Finance Chair, Treasurer, Trustee Representative are also on this committee)

**Ken Cramer (2011)**

**Jack Carling (2012)**

**Gary Wodder (2013)**

**Finance Committee (Lay Leader is also on this committee)**

**Chair: Glenn Czulada**

**Financial Secretary: Don Ehrhardt Treasurer: Linda Verrastro**

**Bill Fischer (Ad Council Chair), (Trustees Representative), Mary Ellen Pidich**

**Auditors**

**Carol Verrone, David Hess, Donna Long**

**Worship Committee**

**Chairperson: Mike Fotta**

**\*Acolytes: Consuelo Brown  
Sharon Kelly**

**Communion Stewards: Jean Hubbard  
Nancy Schwenk**

**Flower Committee: Lois Linko  
Audrey Pierre (Treasurer)**

**Worship Tech Chair: J Croom**

**Scripture Readers: Joyce Swartz**

**Greeters/Ushers: Donna Mela**

**\*Nursery: Sue McLain**

**Michelle Marsh**

**\*Organist: Robert Reynolds**

**\*Director of Music: Norm Campbell**

**\*Director of Bell Choirs: Michael Shoff**

**\*Children's Choir Director: Deb Hafler**

**\*Youth Choir Director: Deb Hafler**

**Bell Choirs Chair: Nancy Schwenk**

**Barb Buxton 2011/2012**

**Hospitality**

**Heidi Franssen, Harold & Theresa Galey, Lynn & Roger Crannell, Cis Lyon & Sarah Marsh, Art  
& Joyce Becker, Susan Hunt**

**Parsonage Committee**

**Howard McIntosh (SPRC Chair), Bill Wright (Trustee Chair)**

**Paulette Fotta (UMW Representative), Ray Roese (Wednesday Morning Rep)**

**Wedding Stewards Josiah Buxton, Jesse Buxton**

**Safe Sanctuary Committee**

**JB Bensinger (Chair), Diane Croom (Sunday Superintendent), Norm Campbell/Michael Shoff (Music Rep), Deb Hafler (Youth Rep), Mike Fotta (Worship Chair), Marge Sebring (Trustee Rep),**

**Visitation Committee**

**Len Buxton, Tita Buxton, Cindy McIntosh, Howard McIntosh, Betty Schillow, Muriel Smailes, Gary Wodder, Lynn Crannell**

*The Pastor is an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees*

**Underlining indicates new committee members or chairpersons.**

**\* Indicates background checks required under Safe Sanctuary Policy**

## Need to get the word out about one of our church events or fundraisers

*Here is some information that may help. We miss out on a lot of advertising opportunities by not planning ahead.*

For advertising we need the following info: event, time, cost (donation or free), menu if applicable, who benefits/sponsoring (church, youth group etc..)

**Our Town:** put out on 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of month. Must be there 7 days prior to publish date. First come, first serve if room. They recommend advertising at least 3 issues prior to event.

### **Covington Twp Newsletter:**

Summer: June – Aug (due about May 15)  
Fall: Sept –Nov (due about August 15)  
Winter: Dec – Feb (due about Nov 15)  
Spring: March – May (Due about Feb 15)

**Moscow Newsletter:** Now distributes semi-annually in April and October. Due dates are about March 20 and September 20

**WNEP Bulletin Board:** First come first serve. Good to put up at least 1 – 2 months prior to event.

**Our Newsletter:** Mailed last Wednesday of Month. The deadline is previous Wednesday. Summer newsletter covers June-Aug and holiday newsletter covers Dec & Jan.

**Scranton District Newsletter:** Has a Fun, Food and Fellowship section for all churches in our district. Is sent out monthly with a weekly addendum. Usually distributed on Mondays.

**Villager:** They like to cover community events. Call and see if they would be interested in doing a story.

**If anyone knows of any other ways to advertise/publicize our events that do not cost please let the office know at 842-7251.**

## BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to or do you know of someone who would like to bring a business to the attention of our congregation? Here is your chance. We will be selling advertising space the size of a business card. Maximum space allotted to this is 2 pages of our monthly / seasonal newsletter. So this will be done on a first come first serve basis each month.

This will begin with the March newsletter. There will be 8 newsletters distributed throughout 2011 (March, April May, Summer(June, July, August), September, October, November & Holiday(December/January). The cost will be \$5 per month or \$35 (*discount of \$5*) for the rest of 2011.

If you are interested please provide the church office / attention Michelle Elmquist, with a copy of your business card or ad the size of a business card, and your check made out to Moscow UMC with "newsletter ad" in memo line by February 15, 2011 for publishing in the March newsletter and/or if you plan on reserving the space for the rest of 2011. If you wish to only have the advertising in certain months please indicate this and have your advertisement in by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior the newsletter edition.

We are hoping to help offset the cost of the newsletter as well as help members of our congregation and community get word out about their businesses.

If you have any questions contact Michelle in the office at 842-7251.



## Transportation Committee

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.



### 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



## Recycle Your Inkjet Cartridges

Thank you for bringing in your cartridges! We almost have enough to send in. Thanks for your support and keep them coming. Our church can get money for your old inkjet cartridges! Help our church save money and help the environment at the same time.

## 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.

## Soda Can Tabs

Our Sr./Jr. High Sunday School classes with Pat Verrastro continue to collect soda can tabs to benefit the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Boston.

## The Endicott Resource Center

of the Upper NY Annual Conference of the UMC

Invites you to an Open House  
On Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
From 10am-2pm

Come and enjoy the new space  
(Great area for meetings and planning sessions)

Preview Resources  
Check out ideas for this year's VBS



## SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ

(decorating ideas, craft ideas, try a snack or two)  
Diane will be here to answer any questions you may have.

Located in the First UMC  
53 McKinley Ave. Endicott, NY 13760  
607-757-0608

[DianeAlexander@unyumc.org](mailto:DianeAlexander@unyumc.org)

To enter the Endicott Resource Center, go through the back entrance of the church, down the steps, to the right, through the orange double doors, and straight ahead.



# You Know You're Growing Older When...

- **Your little black book contains only names ending in "M.D"**
- **You finally reach the top of the ladder, only to find it leaning against the wrong wall.**
- **You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.**
- **You look forward to a dull evening.**
- **Your knees buckle and your belt won't.**
- **Your back goes out more than you do.**
- **You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.**
- **The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.**
- **You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 PM**

## **ABOUT LUNCH with the BUNCH**

Have you ever.....

- eaten with someone you didn't know well?
- wanted to continue a conversation with someone after church, but no time?
- had an impromptu lunch?

**Well, why not try a "Lunch with a Bunch"?**

How is this done? First think about going to lunch after church. Select a restaurant either by you or with those that join you (like the Cabin, The Barrel, The Bagel Shop, you know, wherever). Then pick up the sign in the foyer wave it around, and see who gathers round to join you.

Then take off and enjoy good food and GREAT FELLOWSHIP! (*of course, everyone pays for their own lunch!*) This is a spontaneous way to get together with people ... new folks or old timers! Try it, you'll like it!



### **Equal Exchange**

*Tita Buxton*

**VERY NECESSARY!**

**CHOCOLATE and COFFEE ...** Money for small farmers and United Methodist Committee on Relief!!

What about it friends?? A simple way we can help others, while we have our essentials: coffee and chocolate.

Remember - **FEBRUARY is HEART MONTH!** What better way to celebrate than treating your VALENTINE with chocolate!

So stop by the small shelves in the foyer as you leave church and pick up your chocolate and coffee.

**THANK YOU and the WORLD thanks you!**

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



### Clements Educational Fund Scholarship

The Clements Educational Fund Scholarship is providing scholarships for deserving students. The Center for Scholarship Administration, Inc is facilitator of the program. Apply online at [www.csascholars.org](http://www.csascholars.org) or by contacting CSA by mail at 4320 Wade Hampton Blvd., Suite G, Taylors, SC 29687 or phone 1-866-608-0001. Email at [ljenkinscsa@bellsouth.net](mailto:ljenkinscsa@bellsouth.net).

***Deadline for submission is  
FEBRUARY 14, 2011.***

### Susquehanna Conference Student Aid Fund

Are you considering the possibility of becoming a member of the United Methodist Clergy, perhaps beginning with undergraduate studies or in graduate school?

If you are, the STUDENT AID FUND of the Susquehanna Conference can help you.

Representatives from our Conference can provide you with brochures and other information as well as the contacts at the fund who can discuss the possibilities in more detail.

We would welcome your interest and make the process as simple as possible.

**YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE  
SCRANTON DISTRICT IS GARY BOAM OF  
MOSCOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.  
YOU MAY CONTACT HIM AT 842-8833.**



**Hello Youth Group!!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> we got together did some future planning and watched a movie.

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Thank You Letters from  
Christmas boxes  
Sleigh Riding (bring clothes)  
Plan Soup Luncheon  
(Parents we need to know what kind of soup you will be making)

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** – Soup Luncheon  
(Youth should be here to serve & clean up)

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting

**Soup Luncheon:**

Please figure out what kind of soup you plan on making and let me know. Also, I need everyone to make cupcakes or brownies for dessert. I need you all there on the 27<sup>th</sup> to set up serve and clean up. If you can't make it let me know.

**Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on the following:**

Serving at the Soup Kitchen  
Art Show  
Hoagie Sale  
Mission Trip  
??Nothing But Nets/ No More Malaria Event??

## Pastor/Parish Relations Training Scheduled

Please note! *Two opportunities for training for clergy and members of local church Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees.* This committee is one of the most important groups for both pastor and congregation as you move together through joys, challenges and new vision for the year ahead.

Rev. Sarah Miller, retired pastor of the Scranton District will be our presenter for the day. Trainings will be held:

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
at the South Gibson UMC from 2-4pm

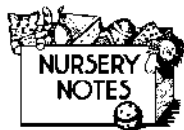
**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
at the Peckville UMC from 2-4pm

Please choose one of these dates now and place it on your calendar. **All clergy are required to attend one of these two gatherings and it is *HIGHLY ENCOURAGED* that all PPR chairs and members be present as well.**

## SKY LAKE INFO

Family Winter Weekends  
February 18-21

Senior High Youth Retreat (grades 9-12)  
March 11-13



Hello from the nursery! Remember the nursery is available during worship services for children 6 and under. Nursery volunteers must be 13 year and older and sign-up at the nursery.

**WE NEED NEW TOYS!!** The nursery could use some new toys. Some toys that the children seem to love are doctor kits, construction kits (plastic tools), little people stuff, etc...

## FOR YOUR HEALTH AND OTHERS

**Thank you to all who donated baked goods, your time and or your blood to Moscow UMC Blood Drive In honor of Alice Carling**

Our Goal was to collect 67 pints. We were able to collect 90 pints. This will help 270 patients.

*THANK YOU FOR HELPING GIVE THE  
GIFT OF LIFE*

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### Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service

The American Red Cross proudly offers the lifeline service. For more information or to order lifeline call American Red Cross-Lifeline 570-207-0118 Cheryl Straka-Coordinator or Linda Gavin.

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### Healthy Kids- Free Immunizations

Monday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM at St. Eulalia's Church Blue Shutter Rd, Elmhurst. All required shots and boosters are available. Bring your child's immunization records.

# Missions

## North Pocono Food and Dry Goods Pantries

### *Need your Help!*

The economy has taken their toll on the contributions and donations received for our North Pocono Food and Dry Goods Pantries. Unfortunately, as contributions and support decrease the need continues to increase!!

### **Dry Goods Pantry**

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.

February's item for collection is ***Laundry Detergent***.

### **NP FOOD PANTRY**

State assistance for the food pantry has been reduced, financially and with the supply of certain "staple" items. The food pantry is in desperate need of staples such as **TUNA**, **PEANUT BUTTER** and other items in the **PROTEIN** group (beef stew, canned ham, canned chicken etc...)

Other non-perishable items that can be donated include cereal(hot & cold), canned fruit & vegetables, jelly, baked beans, rice or canned potatoes, soup, pasta/sauce and juice.

If we could each bring in at least one item for each pantry per month it would be a big help!

## Damascus Area United Methodist Churches

### Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

### 2011 Trip - Nashville, TN

Approximate Dates: Early to Mid-March 2011

Storms in May & August, 2010 produced large-scale flooding in 31 counties in the Nashville, TN area. Over 41,000 homes were severely damaged. We will travel to Tennessee as **Volunteers in Mission** to help repair homes working in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Tennessee United Methodist Conference Disaster Response/Relief Team, and other ecumenical partners.

### **Join us! No one is too young or too old to help in mission**

Both skilled persons and unskilled willing helpers are welcomed. Although we will be helping to repair flood-damaged houses our primary mission is to extend a hand of friendship to those in need.

For more information contact VIM trip leader Jeff Dexter, 570-729-7270, [ljdexter@localnet.com](mailto:ljdexter@localnet.com) or Pastor Jean Blackie, 570-224-4637, [jeanblackie@att.net](mailto:jeanblackie@att.net)




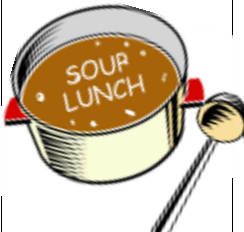

### **Help us in Mission!**

Pray for the success of our outreach to flood victims in Tennessee  
Join us on the trip and volunteer

### **Something to Think About**

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems."

- Mohandas Gandhi

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>North Pocono Food Pantry</b> Food of the Month: Tuna <b>North Pocono Dry Goods Pantry</b> Item of the Month: Laundry Detergent</p>		<p>1 9-12 Office Open</p> 	<p>2 9-12 Office Open 9 Wed Morning Crew 5 Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Choir Practices 7 Watercolor Workshop 8 Open AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 9-12 Office Open 7 <b>TRUSTEE Mtg</b></p>	4	5
<p>6 5th Sunday After the Epiphany 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 <b>New Member Class</b> 11 Worship Service 12:15 <b>Youth Group</b></p>	7	<p>8 9-12 Office Open 6 <b>P/SPRC Mtg</b> 7 <b>Ad Council Mtg</b></p>	<p>9 9-12 Office Open 9 Wed Morning Crew 5 Fellowship Dinner 5:30 Choir Practices 7 Watercolor Workshop 8 Open AA Meeting</p>	10 9-12 Office Open	11	12
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