

# Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church **THE BRIDGE**



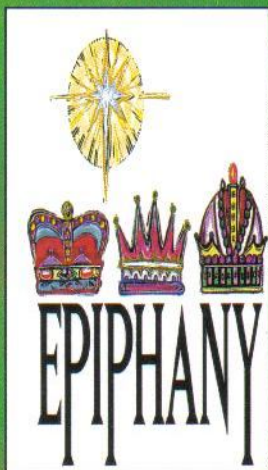
January & February 2014

## Newsletter



### **MILLER'S MUMBLINGS.....**

A young apprentice applied to a master carpenter for a job. The older man asked him, "Do you know your trade?" "Yes, sir!" the young man replied proudly. "Have you ever made a mistake?" the older man inquired. "No sir!" the young man answered, feeling certain he would get the job. "Then there's no way I'm going to hire you," said the master carpenter, "because when you make one, you won't know how to fix it." ~ Mister Rogers



I would wish to be like the master carpenter, wise and thoughtful on fixing my mistakes. I suspect the most mistakes we all make are people mistakes. Often we are disappointed with relationships. "It is not what I expected of you?" Often we are hurt because we trusted, and felt deceived. Sometimes we expect more of others than we expect of ourselves. Learning how to "fix" relationships is some kind of journey. Norman Cousins said, "Life is an adventure in forgiveness."

God taught us how to fix things, by forgiving in the most majestic way ~Jesus of Nazareth. God understood our failures. Jesus – came as the Big Fixer.

In our accumulated moments of anger, we would do well to ask ourselves, "Did God create me to be in this "anger" place?" It is so hard to accept the fact that my act of forgiveness is giving up the right to hurt you for hurting me.

Don't let anyone take away from you, who you are, to whom you belong and where are you going. I know you have tried all of this before, but remember what Jesus said about forgiveness, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." WOW! We all better get started!

Your Servant, Pastor Doug Miller





## JANUARY & FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

- 1/5      Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12  
Epiphany  
Sunday
- 1/12      Psalm 29; Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
- 1/19      Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- 1/26      Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
- 2/2      Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- 2/9      Psalm 112:1-10; Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
- 2/16      Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
- 2/23      Psalm 119:33-40; Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;  
Matthew 5:38-48
- 3/2      Psalm 99; Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9




**REMEMBER TO INVITE  
YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS  
TO CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**The Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church**

115 Myck Road, • Dingmans Ferry, PA  
(570) 828-2288  
Presents.....



**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7PM**  
Meets at the Ridley Home  
Call church for directions  
All are Welcome!

**PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY 10 - 11:30am**  
Meets at the Church – Room 5  
Come Join Us! 

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
7:30 - 9pm  
Meets at the Church – Room 3  
See You There!



**MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE – 6pm**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month  
Meets In the Sanctuary  
Join Us for Prayer & Meditation



*I lift up my eyes to the hills.....  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
The Maker of heaven and earth.  
~Psalm 121:1-2*



# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

### 9:00 Service

1/5 Laura Wright  
1/12 Annie Craige  
1/19 Art Ridley  
1/26 Gayla Garren  
2/2 Donna Frable  
2/9 Laura Wright  
2/16 Dave Ridyard  
2/23 Annie Craige  
3/2 Art Ridley

### 11:00 Service

Elaine Cooper  
Eric Kislak  
Carol Birtner  
Connie Squire  
Elaine Cooper  
Eric Kislak  
Connie Squire  
Connie Squire  
Elaine Cooper

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 9:00 Service

1/5 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge  
1/12 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
1/19 Mike & Pat Brown  
1/26 Bob & Linda Davis  
2/2 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin  
2/9 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge  
2/16 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman  
2/23 Mike & Pat Brown  
3/2 Bob & Linda Davis

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

### 9:00 Service

1/5 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable  
1/12 Linda Rutledge & Volunteer  
1/19 John & Gayla Garren  
1/26 Art Ridley & Volunteer  
2/2 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable  
2/9 Linda Rutledge & Volunteer  
2/16 John & Gayla Garren  
2/23 Art Ridley & Volunteer  
3/2 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable

### 11:00 Service

1/5 Cindy DeFederico & Eileen Guyadeen  
1/12 The Kislak Family  
1/19 John & Philly Viscardo  
1/26 Deb McGowan & Volunteer  
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2/16 Annie Craige  
2/23 Elaine Cooper  
3/2 Linda Schierloh



## Eucharistic Ministry (Communion Set up & Clean-up)

### 9am

1st Sunday of Month: Donna Frable  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month: The Davis'  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month: The Garren's  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month: Kathi White  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month: Linda Rutledge

### 11am

The Birtner's  
Volunteer  
Darlene Mihiel  
The Schierloh's  
Annie Craige



# January & February Birthdays!

*happy birthday !!*



1/2 Annie Craige  
1/9 Al Green  
1/9 Darlene Mihiel  
1/15 Pastor Wayne  
1/18 Lisa Green  
1/20 Carol Birtner  
1/21 Gary Stevenson  
2/26 Keegan Craige  
1/21 Rob Balton  
1/21 Will Joseph  
1/21 Linda Schierloh  
1/23 Kelvin Guyadeen  
1/26 Tess Balton  
1/28 Eileen Guyadeen  
1/28 Victoria Guyadeen

2/1 Roy Van Der Sluys  
2/5 Chris Bradley  
2/17 Joe Odynsky  
2/18 Rosa Johnson  
2/18 Kate Vivaldo (Rutledge)  
2/23 Jared Odynsky

**May God  
bless you on  
your Birthday  
and all  
through the  
year!**

## Administrative Council



The next 2 Ad Council Meetings are scheduled for Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Those serving on Ad Council for 2014 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller  
\*Ad. Council Chairperson - Pat Pierson  
Ad. Council Secretary - Lisa Niper  
Church Secretary - Linda Rutledge  
Lay Member - Donna Frable  
Reserve Member - Holly Bradley  
Lay Leader - Holly Bradley  
SPRC Chairperson - Connie Squire  
Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton  
Church Treasurer - Darlene Mihiel  
Recording Secretary - Caren Shimansk  
Finance Counters - Bob & Judy Brumbaugh  
Trustee Chairperson - Jim Bradley

Worship Committee Chairperson - Donna Frable  
Music director: Adista Wightman  
Membership/Evangelism - Linda Schierloh  
Missions Chairperson - Gayla Garren, Deb McGowan  
& Eleanor Hutter  
Nurture Chairperson - Linda Davis  
Sunday School Sup. - Melissa Joseph & Teresa Tarquini  
Youth Leaders - Will & Melissa Joseph  
Theresa & Steve Tarquini & Eric Kislak  
Education/Nursery School Board Chair. - Laura Jewett  
UMW President - Mary Balton  
Communications Chairperson - Pat Pierson





## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The next 2 Meeting are scheduled for Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Those Serving on Finance Committee 2014:

Pastor Doug Miller, Mary Balton, Pat Pierson, Darlene Mihiel, Caren Shimanski,  
Jim Bradley, Holly Bradley, Connie Squire Donna Frable, Dave Ridyard, Gayla Garren,  
Lisa Niper & David Cowan



## **Staff/Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC)**

Those Serving on SPRC 2014:

Pastor Doug Miller, Connie Squire, Donna Frable, Kim Greene,  
Kathi White, Carol Birtner, Susan Ridyard, Laura Jewett & Linda Schierloh



Those serving on the Worship Committee 2014:

Donna Frable, Annie Craige, Laura Wright, & Kim Greene.



## **Vision Committee**

**There will be a Committee Meeting on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am – Noon at the Parsonage**

*"Where There is No Vision, the People Perish" ~Proverbs 29:18*

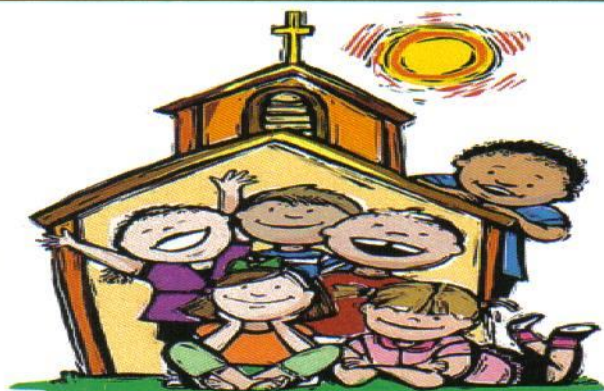
Serving on the Vision Committee for 2014 are:

Pastor Doug Miller, Linda Davis, Mary Balton, Sally Pohlman, George Aber, Laura Jewett, Art  
Birtner, Cindy DeFederico, Linda Schierloh, James Bradley, Pat Pierson & Art Ridley.



Those serving as Trustees for 2014 are:

Jim Bradley, Mark Gualandi, Joe Calabria, Steve Tarquini, John Garren,  
Sally Pohlman, Rob Balton, Wayne Joseph and Caren Shimanski.



**COME TO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL!  
Tell Your Friends!**

**Regular Sunday School  
Meets During 11am  
Worship Service.  
Our Sunday School  
Superintendent is  
Melissa Joseph.**

**Teachers for the 2014 year:**

**Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Miss Jill & Miss Cassidy  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Miss Philly & Miss Pam  
Grade 7 through 12: Will Joseph**

**Don't forget.....**

**A Nursery is available for infants &  
toddlers during the 11am Service!**

**If you would like to help out by  
volunteering to be on our rotating list,  
please contact the church Office.**



**Youth Ministry**

**You're Invited  
To Join Us for  
Youth Group!**

**Meetings are Scheduled  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's  
of the Month  
6:30-8PM  
(Unless otherwise stated)**

**We Meet in the  
Fellowship Hall**

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon is  
Sledding Day!  
Bring Your Friends!**

**MYF (METHODIST YOUR FELLOWSHIP)**



**JUMP! (JUST UNITE MY PEOPLE)**





## You're Welcome to Join Us!

During the month we get together with the nursing home residents of Belle Reve and Milford Senior Care for our time of "Hymns & Scriptures". Our monthly visits give us the pleasure and opportunity to visit and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

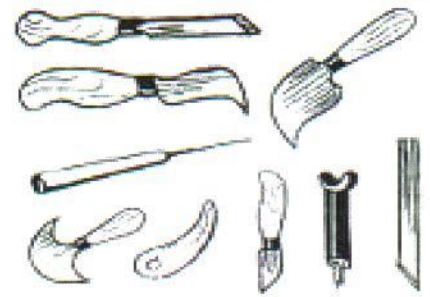
**COME WITH US!**

Our schedule for January & February:

**Belle Reve 2pm:**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Milford Sr. Care 2:15pm:**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

We invite and encourage you to please join us!  
 If you have any questions?...Call Kathi White 828-1251.



## WOODCARVERS

Our woodcarving group meets on Wednesday's from 9am – Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If you've never carved before, don't let that stop you! We can teach you enough to get you started.

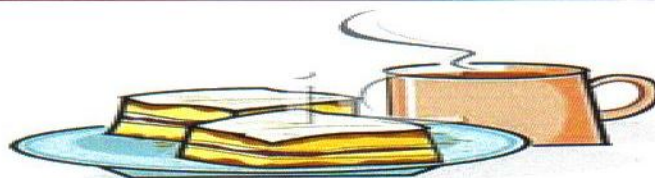
Come & join us!!

It's lots of fun!

Talk to Gary

Stevenson or

Al Frable if you want more information.



Please Sign-up on the Back Table in the Sanctuary To Host Coffee Hour on Sunday Morning.



## MISSIONS • MISSIONS MISSIONS • MISSIONS • MISSIONS

*O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen.*



### "Final Report: Tri-State CROPWALK"

The final report of the 2013 Tri-State CROPWALK is in. Together our participating groups, 13 area churches and the student councils of Delaware Valley High School and Port Jervis High School, have raised \$14, 241.50. Our DFUMC team of 21 walkers raised \$1772.00. God bless your faithfulness.

We thank God that our gifts will help Church World Service as they respond to disasters in the Philippine Islands, the Midwest, and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the total will also help eight food pantries in the area.

We thank God for the workers, sponsors, recruiters, and walkers who stepped out in faith and kept this witness alive in our community. Plans are already underway for our 2014 Tri-State CROPWALK scheduled for October 19.



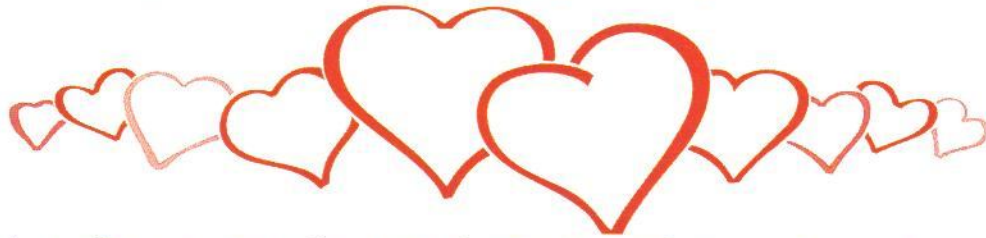
"Souperbowl of Caring 2014": Churches, schools, and youth groups around the country are planning now to participate in the 2014 Souperbowl of Caring on February 2. A youth group in South Carolina had a vision of helping hungry people and involving churches around them on a day of national football. From their efforts the Souperbowl of Caring has reached to every state.

Each church or school involved supports a charity in their area and reports the total raised. We will have youth at the door on that Sunday as you leave worship to receive your gifts of \$1 (or more) for the Outreach Fund. We will also have a collection of food items for the food pantry. Plan now to participate in this way of helping hurting people around us.



Pastor Doug uses the Outreach Fund at his discretion to help people in need of help with all kinds of emergencies including heat, electricity and etc. The winter months are upon us and the outreach fund needs your support. The Pastor's Outreach Fund is only made possible by our donations. If you would like make a donation to the Outreach Fund please place a check (made out to DFUMC) or cash into an envelope and mark it "Outreach" and we will be sure to deposit it into the proper account. (P.S. Thanks to those who donated last month.)

## MORE ABOUT MISSIONS.....



As the Hands and Feet of our Lord.....

We were able to:

Fill & deliver

80 Operation Christmas Child  
Shoeboxes in November.

(Our thanks to Art & Carol Birtner for checking  
& delivering all the boxes.)

Give out 25 Food Baskets  
For Thanksgiving.

Give out 28 Food Baskets  
& 86 Angel Tree Gifts  
For Christmas.

*God Is Good....All the Time!*  
*Praise God!!*



*Jesus said, "This is My commandment, that you love one another,  
just as I have loved you. ~John 15:12*





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**PRESENTS.....**

**BBQ**

**FREE**

**LONDON BROIL  
DINNER**



**Sponsored by  
Pike County Physical Therapy**



**SATURDAY**

**January 11th • 4 – 6PM**

**A Love Donation Will Be Taken.  
All Proceeds Support Church Ministries.  
Donations of Desserts & Salads appreciated!**

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# SWEAT OUT HUNGER FITNESS DAY

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:30AM ~ 3:30 PM**

**Meets in Fellowship Hall - Downstairs**

**ZUMBA  
KICK BOXING  
LES MILLS -BODY COMBAT  
YOGA  
RIPPED  
HIIT  
BELLY DANCING  
CHILDREN'S CREATIVE MOVEMENT  
AND MORE!!!**

**EARLY REGISTRATION:\$20 PER • AT DOOR: \$25 PER  
PROCEEDS GO TO CHURCH FOOD/MISSION  
FOR MORE INFO. CALL DEB (201)400-7098 OR CHURCH (570)828-2288**



## A DEVOTIONAL



### *Help From His Spirit*

Read: Micah 6:3-8

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God? ~Micah 6:8*

Many of us make promises to ourselves to mark the beginning of a new year. We make pledges such as I'm going to save more, exercise more, or spend less time on the Internet. We begin the year with good intentions, but before long old habits tempt us to take up our old ways. We slip up occasionally, then more frequently, and then all the time. Finally, it's as if our resolution never existed.

Instead of choosing our own self-improvement goals, a better approach might be to ask ourselves: "What does the Lord desire of me?" Through the prophet Micah, God has revealed that He wants us to do what is right, to be merciful, and to walk humbly with Him (Mic. 6:8). All of these things relate to soul-improvement rather than self-improvement.

Thankfully, we don't have to rely on our own strength. The Holy Spirit has the power to help us as believers in our spiritual growth. God's Word says, He is able to "strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Eph. 3:16 NIV).

So as we begin a new year, let's resolve to be more Christlike. The Spirit will help us as we seek to walk humbly with God.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me;  
I myself would truthful be;  
And with wisdom kind and clear  
Let Thy life in mine appear. —Lynch

He who has the Holy Spirit as his resource has already won the victory.

*Taken From Our Daily Bread January 3, 2014 — by Jennifer Benson Schuldt*

#### *Additional Insight....*

The name Micah is an appropriate name for a prophet. It is a shortened form of the name Micaiah, which means "who is like Jehovah?" Little is known about this prophet. Easton's Bible Dictionary tells us that he was "'The Morasthite,' so called to distinguish him from Micaiah, the son of Imlah (1 Kings 22:8). He was a prophet of Judah, a contemporary of Isaiah (Micah 1:1), [and] a native of Moresheth of Gath (Micah 1:14,15)." His prophecy, given in the 700s BC, is marked by the declaration that the long-awaited Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).



# Up-Coming Events...

- February 15<sup>th</sup>

Next Free London Broil 4 - 6pm

- March 5<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM

- March 8<sup>th</sup>

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
9am - 1pm

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Free London Broil 4 - 6pm





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Facebook, Too!

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People Can Know That We Are  
Followers of Christ By Our Attitudes  
and Our Actions.