

Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church

# THE BRIDGE

January & February 2015

## Newsletter



### MUMBLINGS .....

#### About Our New Security System

Discussion on a security system for the church started in a trustee meeting at the beginning of 2011. The pros and cons of the issue were debated for over three years. A final consensus was reached that the future of our church, the children, were to be given a safe and secure environment. In the spring of 2014, a unanimous trustee committee approved the purchase of a security system. It was also decided to approve LED lighting for the lower level of the church to keep the facility brightly lit, again aiding in making our facilities safe and secure for our kids.

CRL electric of Matamoras, PA and CSI Security Systems were hired to install the lights and security system respectively. The lights shine brightly as you will see when you go to the lower level of the church. The lights are projected to last 20+ years. The need to purchase, rent lifts and spend man-hours replacing fluorescent tubes and ballasts are over. The new lights use 50-60% less energy than the older fixtures. The level of brightness should remain constant over the next 20 years.

The new security system is operational. Access is by keypad or ringing the bell outside the double doors for entry. Many comments from preschool parents have been positive about having a secured facility. There will be a time of adjustment for everyone in the coming weeks and months. The security system can be adjusted, if needed. There are also two cameras, one on the back door and one on the playground with the ability to add two more cameras in the future. The security system is not in place to restrict the movements of our congregation but to enhance the safety of our facility for a thriving and growing preschool program that ministers to the community. I want to express my deep gratitude to the congregation for their support, financially, of these two completed and important projects. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 862-268-2292 or see me in person at church.

Moving forward,  
Jim Bradley, Trustee President





*A Note From Pastor Doug & Priscilla.....*

Dear Friends,

Regarding: The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church - Shared Ministries

Priscilla and I thank you for responding to the Pastor's Challenge for "Shared Ministries". As you recall, we offered \$1577 toward a Challenge Match.

**YOU MET THE CHALLENGE!**

In 2013 our "Shared Ministries" giving was just over 50%.

Now in 2014, WE have exceeded 80%- THANKS TO YOU!

We also give thanks to those who were not able to help us with dollar gifts, but were so faithful in their prayers.

Our Shared Ministry dollars are used by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference for people! People like you and me all over the country and around the world.

Be talking! God is love!

Doug and Pris Miller




*Wonderful News to Report!*

Connie Squire was accepted as a Certified Candidate for ministry by the Skylands District Board of Ministry on January 8th! We are so very happy for Connie and her progress toward ordination.

God is Love!

*Congratulations Connie!*

COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
  
**Study**

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7PM**

Meets at the Ridley Home  
Call church Office for Directions  
All are Welcome!



**PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY 10AM – 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> Monday of each Month **NEW DAY!!**  
Meets In the Sanctuary  
Join Us for Prayer & Meditation



**LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES**

Monday Evenings in the Sanctuary at 6pm.

February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th,  
March 16th, March 23rd, and March 30th





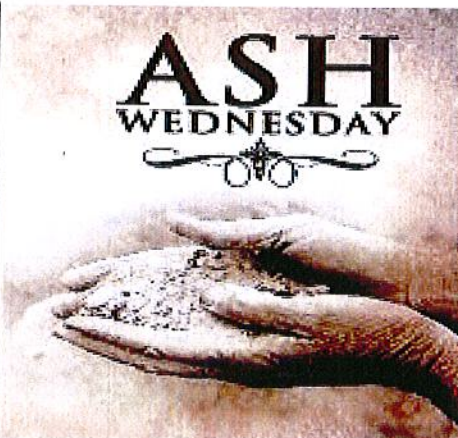
## January & February Lectionary Readings

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- 1/4 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- 1/11 Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
- 1/18 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 3:1- 20; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1 43-51
- 1/25 Psalm 62:5-12; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
- 2/1 Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
- 2/8 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
- 2/15 Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
- 2/18 Psalm 51:1-7; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21  
Ash Wednesday
- 2/22 Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
- 3/1 Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

February  
18<sup>th</sup>

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Worship  
Service  
7PM



# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

<u>9:00 Service</u>		<u>11:00 Service</u>
1/4	Art Ridley	Eileen Guyadeen
1/11	Gayla Garren	Elaine Cooper
1/18	Donna Frable	Art Birtner
1/25	Connie Squire	Carol Birtner
2/1	Laura Wright	Eric Kislak
2/8	Art Ridley	Eileen Guyadeen
2/15	Gayla Garren	Elaine Cooper
2/22	Dave Ridyard	Art Birtner
3/1	Donna Frable	Carol Birtner

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

<u>9:00 Service</u>	
1/4	Linda Rutledge
1/11	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
1/18	Linda Rutledge & Art Ridley
1/25	Gayla Garren
2/1	Linda Rutledge
2/8	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
2/15	Linda Rutledge & Art Ridley
2/22	Gayla Garren
3/1	Linda Rutledge

## 11 :00 Service

1/4	Art Birtner
1/11	Connie Squire
1/18	Linda Schierloh
1/25	Elaine Cooper
2/1	Connie Squire
2/8	Art Birtner
2/15	Connie Squire
2/22	Linda Schierloh
3/1	Elaine Cooper

## Greeters/Ushers for

<u>9:00 Service</u>	
1/4	Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
1/11	Bob & Linda Davis
1/18	Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
1/25	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
2/1	Bob & Linda Davis
2/8	Caren Shimanski & Linda Rutledge
2/15	Linda Rutledge & Rick Vodilko
2/22	Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
3/1	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman

## Greeters/Ushers for

<u>11:00 Service</u>	
1/4	Eileen Guyadeen
1/11	John & Philly Viscardo
1/18	Please Call Church Office to Volunteer
1/25	Mary Balton
2/1	Eileen Guyadeen
2/8	John & Philly Viscardo
2/15	Please Call Church Office to Volunteer
2/22	Mary Balton
3/1	Eileen Guyadeen



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

	<u>9am</u>	<u>11am</u>
1st Sunday of Month:	Donna Frable	The Birtner's
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month:	The Davis'	Volunteer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month:	The Garren's	Darlene Mihiel
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month:	Kathi White	The Schierloh's
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month:	Linda Rutledge	Volunteer



Copies of This List Can be Found in the Church Office.



 The Little Church In The Woods Presents   
**January / February 2015 Events\***

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**Thirsty Thursdays 5:55 PM**

January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 19, 26

Are You Busy On Sundays? Please Join us for  
a contemporary praise service that includes  
a light meal, praise and fellowship for all ages.

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**Free! LONDON BROIL BBQ**

Sat. January 17<sup>th</sup> & Sat. February 21<sup>st</sup>

12 to 2 PM Note new times for winter.

Donations Accepted To Support Church Ministries.

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**Winter Family Festival**



**SLEDS & SOUPS & SCOUTS**

Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>



10am - 1pm Soup Bowl Sunday - Soup To Go

The 11am Service Is SCOUT SUNDAY

Afterward There Will Be Sledding & A Bonfire\*

Indoor Fun & Games, Soup/Salad

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**Ash Wednesday Service**

February 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm

**Prayer & Meditation**

February 23<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Mondays in March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6pm

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\*Weather Permitting - Check [www.dfumc.com](http://www.dfumc.com) for news!

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## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER!

11/1	Robin Fahey	12/1	Kirsten Niper
11/3	Clarissa DeFederico	12/4	Pastor Michael Kim
11/5	Laura Wright	12/10	Bob Davis
11/7	Judy Brumbaugh	12/19	Carly Odynsky
11/7	Marie Schmalkuche	12/19	Traceyanne Boss
11/9	Kyle Jewett	12/22	Blace Hotalen
11/11	Kraig Van Duzer	12/24	Donna Frable
11/14	Spencer Joseph	12/24	Dalton Van Der Sluys
11/15	Cindy DeFederico	12/25	Jesus of Nazareth
11/16	Frances Ryder	12/28	Mark Gualandi
11/19	Troy Odynsky	12/28	Connie Squire
11/26	Brianna Kislak		
11/26	Stephanie Damstra		
11/27	Ashley McGowan		



**God Bless All of You  
on Your Birthday and  
Throughout the Year!**

### Administrative Board

The next 2 Ad Board Meetings  
are Scheduled for

**Wednesday, January 21st 7pm  
&  
Monday, February 16th 6pm**



Those serving on Ad Board for 2015 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller

\*Ad. Board Chairperson

Ad. Board Secretary – Lisa Niper

Church Secretary – Linda Rutledge

Lay Member – Donna Frable

Reserve Member – Holly Bradley

Lay Leader – Holly Bradley

SPRC Chairperson – Susan Ridyard

Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton

Church Treasurer – Darlene Mihiel

Recording Secretary – Caren Shimanski

Finance Counters – Bob & Judy Brumbaugh

Trustee Chairperson – Jim Bradley

Worship Committee Chairperson – Donna Frable

Organist: Adista Wightman

Membership/Evangelism – Linda Schierloh

Missions Chairperson – Gayla Garren

Nursing Home Ministries - Kathi White

Prayer Chair Director – Linda Davis

Sunday School Sup. – Melissa Joseph

Family Ministry – Teresa Tarquini

Nursery School Board Chair. – Laura Jewett

Communications Chairperson – Susan Ridyard



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**



The next 2 Finance Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd & Monday, March 2nd at 6pm

Those Serving on Finance Committee 2015:  
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



**VISION COMMITTEE**

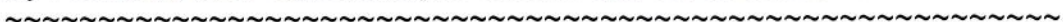


Serving on the Vision Committee for 2015 are:  
Pastor Doug Miller, Linda Davis, Mary Balton, Sally Pohlman, George Aber,  
Laura Jewett, Art Birtner, Cindy DeFederico, Linda Schierloh, James Bradley,  
Pat Pierson & Art Ridley.



The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, Feb. 2nd & Monday, March 2nd 7:30pm.

Those serving as Trustees for 2015 are:  
Jim Bradley, Mark Gualandi, Joe Calabria, Steve Tarquini, John Garren,  
Sally Pohlman, Rob Balton, Wayne Joseph and Caren Shimanski.



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

Chairperson, Susan Ridyard, would like the congregation to know that if you have a concern or  
suggestion regarding the church staff, please see/contact her.

**The next 2 SPRC Meetings are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19th 6-7:30pm  
and Monday, Feb. 23rd 6-7:30pm.**

Those Serving on SPRC 2015:  
Pastor Doug Miller, \*Susan Ridyard, Teresa Tarquini, Eileen Guyadeen, Tom Hahn,  
Kathi White, Carol Birtner, Laura Jewett & Linda Schierloh, Tom Bradley



# Your FOR Info FYI

Dear Pastors, Lay Leaders, Certified and Local/Basic Lay Servants,  
We invite you to share the schedule of classes for first-time Basic Lay Speakers with members of your church who may be interested in becoming Lay Speakers. The available district classes are posted on the Conference web site at [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org). A description of what it means to become a lay speaker is also on the site as well as the registration form and a directory of the District Directors of Lay Servant Ministries.

Those interested should complete and send in the registration form for the Basic Course. Note that all registrations require the pastor's signature. Participants may choose a class in any district; whatever fits their individual schedule.

Anyone with questions regarding the schedule of classes or Lay Servant Ministries in general should contact their District's Director of Lay Servant Ministries. Information on classes held outside your District should be directed to the District Director where the class is held.

We pray that you share this information with the members of your church and encourage those who feel called to become a part of this ministry. We ask that you post this information and include it in your weekly bulletins. Please check the website for current updates and opportunities.

We thank you for your commitment to Lay Servant Ministries in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

In Praise, Mark Halversen Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries



## **On-Going Ministry.....**

Pastor Doug uses the Outreach Fund at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, medical and etc.

The Pastor's Outreach is only made possible by our donations. If you would like to 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 Outreach account. Please donate as you are able, not just at the holidays, but throughout the year.

P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.



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

### **Sunday School**

**Meets During the 11am Worship Service.**

**Our Sunday School Superintendent is Melissa Joseph.**

#### **Teachers for the 2014 - 2015 year:**

Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Miss Jill & Miss Missy

3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Miss Philly & Miss Pam

Grade 7 through 12: Will Joseph

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

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



**Remember to Invite Your  
Friends & Neighbors to  
Church & Sunday School!**





## 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.

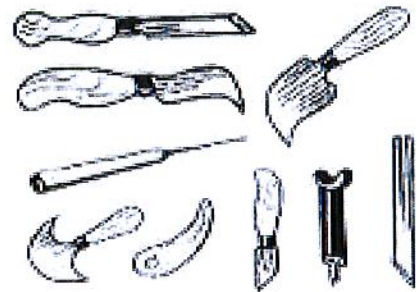
## COME WITH US!

### Our Schedule for January & February:

**Belle Reve 2pm:**  
January 8th & 20th  
February 3rd, 12th, & 17th

**Milford Sr. Care 2:15pm:**  
January 7th & 21st  
February 4th & 18th

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

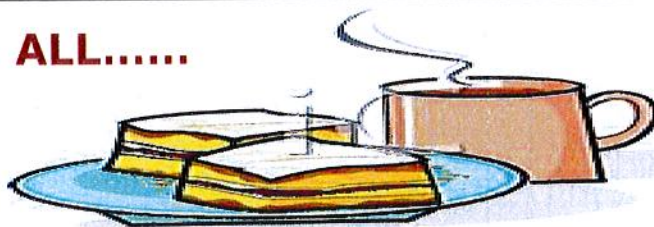


## WOODCARVERS

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! See Gary Stevenson or Ray Costanzo if you want more information.

## ATTENTION ALL.....



Please sign-up on the back table in the Sanctuary to host Coffee Hour.





## Tri-State CROPWALK 2014: Final Report

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The results of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Tri-State CROPWALK are in. The 152 walkers represented 16 participating groups and raised \$12,833. One quarter of this amount will come back to the area and support seven food pantries. We will also support the vital ministries of Church World Service in 30 countries around the world. In our eight years we have raised \$97,423.!

Our church continues to give faithful support in walking and sponsoring. Caren Shimanski and Rich Cooper also serve on the organizing committee. Pray for our CROPWALK that we will go forward, grow and remain a symbol of the faithfulness of God's people and the compassion of God.



## Souper Bowl of Caring 2015

Churches, schools, scout packs, and youth groups around the country are gearing up for Souper Bowi 2015. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, nationwide collections have totaled more than 90 million dollars. Each participating group gives all the money collected to a charity in their area. Last year we were among the 7559 groups and collected \$262. for the Outreach Fund and gave approximately 250 items to the food pantry.

On February 1st some of our youth will be at the doors as we leave worship to collect our \$1.00 donations. In January there will be a list of items needed at the food pantry. Please participate and support this effort which began with the prayer of a youth group and continues to train youth and encourage them in mission.



# Souper Bowl of Caring February 1

## Food Pantry Needs

powdered milk

cereal

pasta

rice

soups

tuna

macaroni & cheese dinners

peanut butter

jelly

paper towels

toilet paper

soap

toothpaste

baby food



**CHRISTIAN SHOPPING:  
BUY ONE - GIVE ONE**

## **Giant Cookie Walk a Success!**

Our December 2014 Giant Cookie Walk was a big success. We made \$1,375.00 and sold 171 pounds of cookies! The proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to meet the expenses of the church budget so everyone's support is appreciated.

This fundraiser is so successful because of the dedication and talents of our many bakers who contributed their time and money to make over 60 varieties of delicious homemade cookies. No cookies went to waste as extra cookies were sold after services that Sunday, included in the holiday baskets and also were part of the food available at the Holiday Social that had over 80 participants in this fun Family Ministry Event.

Thanks also go to our Co-Chairs Linda Rutledge and Susan Ridyard, our helper Beth Callen, and also Tiffany Miller, Mary Balton and Holly Bradley who hosted a table at the DV School Fair and sold cookies there too. And special thanks also go to all the church members who supported the sale by buying cookies!



The early bird gets the cookies! These three shoppers were our first customers at the December 6, 2014 Giant Cookie Walk.





## United Methodist Women (UMW)

### Joy Circle 2015

### Meetings and Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting or Event</b>	<b>Coordinator(s)</b>
January 7 (Monday)	6:30-7:30pm	Organizational Meeting	Mary Balton
April 12 (Sunday)	12:15-2:00pm	Annual UMC Luncheon at church	Karen Van Duzer Mary Balton
May 31 (Sunday)	12:30pm-2:00pm	Brunch at Mt Haven	Linda Rutledge
August 5 (Wednesday)	5:00-7:00pm	Joy Circle Picnic at church	Susan Ridyard Tiffany Miller
September 20 (Sunday)	10:15-11:00am	Joy Circle Planning meeting	Mary Balton
October 3 (Saturday)	11:30-2:30pm	Afternoon Tea Fundraiser	Karen Van Duzer
November 7 (Saturday)	1:00pm-2:30pm	Senior Citizens Harvest Dinner	TBD
December 5 (Saturday)	9:00am-2:00pm	Giant Cookie Walk	Linda Rutledge Susan Ridyard
December 13 (Sunday)	3:00-6:00pm	Joy Circle Christmas Party- Susan Ridyard's home - Wild Acres	Susan Ridyard

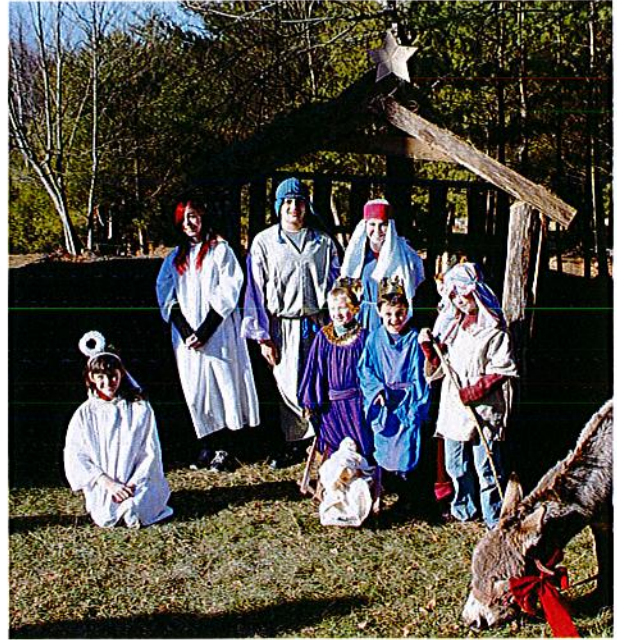
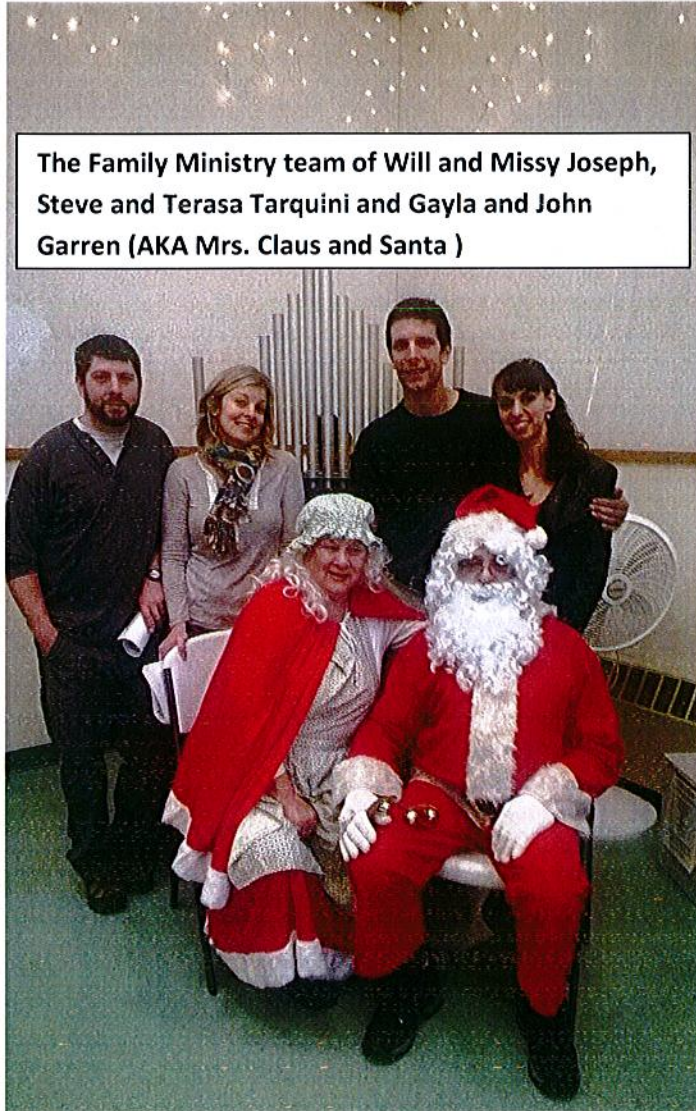
**All Joy Circle meetings and events are open to any women/girls in our church as well as guests from the community. Please invite a friend to join and share in the fellowship and service to our church and our community.**



## Family Ministry Holiday Social Draws a Crowd

Over 80 people attended the Family Ministry Holiday Social Event on December 7th that was open to the community. Families had fun making ornaments, caroling, seeing the Live Nativity play, visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus and making cards for seniors in nursing homes. Thanks to all the church members who helped to make this a successful event.

Here are some photos from the event:



## Family Ministry: Winter Festival - February 8

The next Family Ministry event will be a **Winter Festival on February 8 from 12-3pm**. This free event is open to the community and will include Scout Sunday, Sledding (weather permitting), Indoor Activities, Soup, Cocoa and Cake. Invite your friends and come join the fun!






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## January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>  <b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	<b>5</b> Finance Mtg. Parsonage 6pm Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Trustee Mtg. Parsonage 7:30pm	<b>6</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>7</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm UMW Mtg. 6:30-7:30pm	<b>8</b> Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Outside Group Using Facilities Noon - 5pm
<b>11</b> <b>1st Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>12</b> Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>13</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>14</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>15</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Monthly London Broil Noon - 2pm
<b>18</b> <b>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>19</b> Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm SPRC Mtg. 6-7:30pm Martin Luther King Day	<b>20</b> Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>21</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Ad Council 7pm Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>22</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Outside Group Using Facilities Time: TBA
<b>25</b> <b>3rd Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>26</b> Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>27</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>28</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>29</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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## February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th Sunday After Epiphany Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	2 Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Trustee Mtg. Parsonage 7:30pm	3 Nursing Home 2pm Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10am Finance Mtg. 6pm Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	4 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm	5 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	6	7
8 5th Sunday After Epiphany Winter Family Fest. Sleds, Soup, & Scouts (See Flyer For Info)	9 Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Prayer Service 6pm Sanctuary	10 Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	11 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	12 Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday	16 Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Ad Council Mtg. 6pm Presidents' Day	17 Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	18 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study-Canceled Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	19 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	20	21 Monthly London Broil Noon - 2pm
22 First Sunday of Lent	23 Ridley Bible Study 7pm Lenten Prayer Service 6pm Sanctuary A.A. - 7:30-9pm SPRC Mtg. 6-7:30 Parsonage	24 Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	25 Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	26 Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	27	28
						



## *A Devotional...*

### **“Awake My Soul”**

When God created Adam, he breathed into Adam’s body, and the man came to life ([Genesis 2:7](#)). What an intimate picture: God’s actual breath filling a man’s lungs. The breath of life. We see elsewhere in scripture God’s desire to fill us with his breath, even if we are technically already alive.



One of the most notable places we see this is in Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a prophet handed the unfortunate task of telling the Israelites that, unlike what false prophets were promising, the Israelites would not be delivered from captivity for a long time. At the time, he and about 10,000 other Israelites were captive to Babylonia.

But as the Lord gave Ezekiel this depressing message to share, He also gave him a promise. God gave Ezekiel a picture of a valley of dry bones--basically, a large pile of dead and fully decayed bodies. And He told Ezekiel: “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live” ([Ezekiel 37:4](#)).

*Breathe on me, breath of God, breathe on me.  
I come alive, I'm alive when You breathe on me.*

We have all experienced, are experiencing or will experience a time of captivity. You have suffered loss, you’re confused, depressed, captive to an addiction. Whatever it may be, when you are in the valley of dry bones, your thought is primarily what the Israelites’ was: “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off” ([Ezekiel 37:11](#)).

The valley is a dark and hopeless place- which is why the Lord showed it to Ezekiel. He showed him the most hopeless and dead image and assured him He could breathe life back into it. Our God breathes life back into us and raises people from the dead. It’s his specialty.

And it is not a one-time thing. God continues to breathe into us as we need it, which is why we see that pattern so clearly in scripture.

Know, then, that the promise of Ezekiel is the promise still: “you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it” ([Ezekiel 37:14](#)).

(Taken Daily Devotional - January 10, 2013 Featuring Chris Tomlin)



## **American Red Cross**

The need is constant.  
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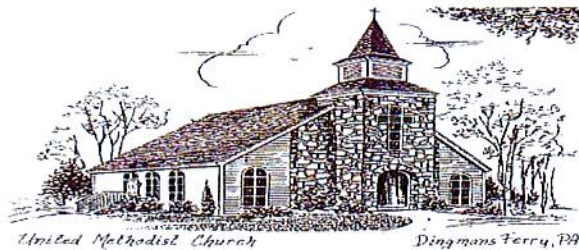
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