#### Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

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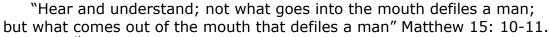


March & April 2014

#### Newsletter



#### MILLER'S MUMBLINGS FOR LENT....



As a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, I was promoted to Russell School after spending four years in Peck's School, which had three grades. "Being retained" has recently become my language for "staying back" in second grade." I suspect that was a dark period in my life. In Pecks School I carried a sandwich lunch composed of chopped baloney mixed with pickles and mayo, plus a Bea Miller's molasses cookie. However Russell School had a kitchen/ cafeteria. They prepared lunch for kids that had enough money. I still carried my lunch from home.

My town was Roman Catholic, so Friday would bring the smell of baked fish into the classrooms, hallways and the recess-yard. Everyone in Pittsfield, Massachusetts was expected to eat fish on Friday- an act of good conscience for every Roman Catholic. Friday was the only day I rejoiced that I had a baloney sandwich from home.

Of course Pope John the XX111 changed all of that but I believe the smell of fish still lingers in those old schools. It was hard for many believers to understand what went into the mouth had something to do with being a good Christian.

Lent is here. Looking at ourselves is what Lent is really about- not what goes into the body, but what comes out of the mouth. St. Paul in Corinthians simply says, "Come to me." This insight can draw us out of our old religious practices. We are called to a God of reconciliation-one that is much less about ourselves and more about rejoicing in the Lord's presence.

Lent is a time to take our faith to another level. We are ambassadors for Christ. We seriously look at what comes out of our mouth and our lives. Lent allows us to see Christ's people who are living for "others." They put themselves on the line in the name of our Lord. I am not sending you a guilt message, but a challenge to open up- living more like Jesus and less about what we consume in food, clothing and luxuries. Our challenge is to listen and discern how the Spirit may be calling us to move from a place of un-chosen endurance for the sake of survival, to a chosen endurance for the sake of the gospel.

Come join me in a Spirit filled Lent.

Your Servant, Doug Miller



Join Us.....



## March 5th Service 7:30PM

The Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
115 Myck Road • Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328



#### 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!



Please join us every Thursday in the Sanctuary at 6pm for Weekly Lenten Readings, Prayers and Meditation on select Scripture.

March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

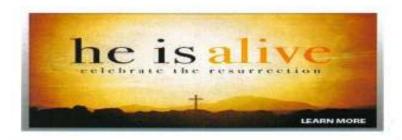
As we spend time with God, may our relationship grow deeper with Him.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1



#### March & April Lectionary Readings

3/2	Psalm 99; Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
3/5 Ash Wed	Psalm 51:1-17; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
3/9	Psalm 32; Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
3/16	Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
3/23	Psalm 95; Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
3/30	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
4/6	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
4/13 Pwm Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
4/17	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
4/18 Good Friday	Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
4/20 Easter Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18;
4/27	Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
5/4	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



#### **March & April Birthdays!**

3/6	Amy Leek	4/2	Walter Hood
3/11	Karl Van Duzer	4/3	Danny Rutledge
3/12	Jessica Wright	4/4	Nicole McGowan
3/16	Art Ridley	4/4	Morgan Leek
3/18	Gayla Garren	4/8	Noah DeFederico
3/18	Laura Hanley	4/15	Virginia Straulina
3/22	Garrett Van Der Sluys	4/15	Doris Hnida
3/22	Sandra Partridge	4/16	Taylor Leek
3/23	Michelle Gualandi	4/20	George Aber
3/25	Colleen Craige	4/20	Drew Niper
3/27	Karen Van Duzer	4/27	Ted Nelson
3/30	Tom Bradley	4/28	Jerry Schierloh
3/30	Lois Cribb		NOTONO SEGMENTATO



May God Bless All of You on Your Birthday & Throughout the Year!

#### LENTEN SOUP LUNCH

2014

#### WEDNESDAYS (in Lent) at NOON

- March 12- Reverend Tom Mortenson Grace Fellowship Church
- March 19- Reverend Alfred Jaeger
- Wantage United Methodist Church
- March 26- Rev. George Hafemann Parish of the Immaculate Conception
  - St. Mary's Church, Port Jervis, NY
- April 02- Reverend Nancy Vonderhorst
- Pond Eddy United Methodist Church
- April 09- Rev. Ben Willis First Presbyterian Church, Milford, PA
- April 16- To be announced

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for e good lunch et a small cost with e guest speaker and Christian fellowship.

#### Nourish Your Body and Soul

Cost: \$3. Menu: Soup, Bread, Beverage & Dessert

#### **Drew United Methodist Church**

49 - 51 Sussex St. (Corner of Sussex & Bast Broome Sts.)
Port Jervis, New York (845)856-3423

# HERE THEY COME...... ORDER YOUR HANDMADE EASTER EGGS TODAY!









\$9. Dozen \$4.50 Half Dozen .75¢ Each

Choose your Favorites!

- Peanut Butter Milk Chocolate
- Peanut Butter Dark Chocolate
- Peanut Butter White Chocolate
  - Coconut Milk Chocolate
  - Coconut Dark Chocolate
    - Mint Dark Chocolate

Put Something Special in your Easter Basket!

To Place an Order: Call Linda (570) 828-2288 or Judy & Bob (570) 296-8964

This is a Church Fundraiser

All Proceeds go to the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church

115 Myck Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328



### Servants

#### Schedule of Worship Leadership

9:00 Service		11:00 Service
3/2	Art Ridley	Eric Kislak
3/9	Gayla Garren	Carol Birtner
3/16	Donna Frable	Art Birtner
3/23	Dave Ridyard	Elaine Cooper
3/30	Laura Wright	Eric Kislak
4/6	Annie Craige	Carol Birtner
4/13	Art Ridley	Art Birtner
4/20	Gayla Garren	Elaine Cooper
4/27	Donna Frable	Eric Kislak
5/4	Dave Ridvard	Carol Birtner

#### Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers 11:00 Service

3/2	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
3/9	Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski
3/16	
3/23	Art Ridley & Pat Pierson
3/30	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
4/6	Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski
4/13	John & Gayla Garren
4/20	Art Ridley & Pat Pierson
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3/2	Linda Schierloh
3/9	Elaine Cooper
3/16	Annie Craige
3/23	Art Birtner
3/30	Linda Schierloh
4/6	Elaine Cooper
4/13	Annie Craige
4/20	Art Birtner
4/27	Linda Schierloh
5/4	Elaine Cooper

#### Greeters/Ushers for 9:00 Service

3/2	Bob & Linda Davis
3/9	Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
3/16	Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
3/23	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
3/30	Mike & Pat Brown
4/6	Bob & Linda Davis
4/13	Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
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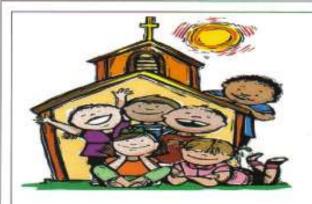
9:00	Service
3/2	Cindy DeFederico & Eileen Guyadeen
3/9	The Kislak Family
3/16	John & Philly Viscardo
3/23	Deb McGowan & Volunteer
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#### Eucharistic Ministry (Communion Set up & Clean-up)

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





#### 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 Kassidy 3<sup>nd</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

**Bring Your Friends!** 

MYF (METHODIST YOUR FELLOWSHIP)



JUMP! (JUST UNITE MY PEOPLE)



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

The next two Ad Council meetings are scheduled for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm See you there!



Please watch Sunday bulletins for the next scheduled Trustee Meeting Contact a trustee or call Jim Bradley, chairperson, if you have any gifts that you would like to share to help the DFUMC Trustees to keep "moving forward".



#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next 2 Finance Committee Meetings are scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parsonage.

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 March & April:

Belle Reve 2pm: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Milford Sr. Care 2:15pm: March 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<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 Ray Costanzo 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

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



"Faithful Giving"

On February 2nd we participated in the 2014 Souper Bowl of Caring with churches around the country. Our 7<sup>th</sup> year was a success. We collected over \$260 for the Outreach Fund and delivered over 200 items to the local food pantry. Our totals were reported and became part of the overall total which is presently \$7,517,709 from 6,319 participating groups. Thanks to Spencer and Benjamin Joseph for handling the collection soup pots. God bless your faithfulness in giving and speaking up for hungry people.

Coming in the spring...... Offering of Letters for Bread for the World.



#### ... CAN YOU HELP?

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

Your church financial record will reflect your donation.

A Sharing.....

At our February Ad Council meeting, Pastor Doug & Linda shared how powerfully God is working through the church outreach fund. Many folks who simply need a "leg-up", are quite touched when we, as the "hands of God", are able to give love and assistance as needed. Pastor Doug encourages all of us to remember who we are and what we are to be doing...through our ministry of Christ in Dingmans Ferry.

Our outreach fund is only supported through our monetary donations.

Please donate, as you are able, not just at the holidays but throughout the year.



Dingmans Ferry UMW / Joy Circle

#### Mission Project

Now Through May

Collection Taken for Safe Haven of Pike County

The women's group will be taking donations of Walmart Gift Cards in any increment to support Safe Haven clients and allow independent shopping for any personal needs for themselves or their families, in an effort to encourage independence.

Please drop off gift cards in the Church Office.



402 Broad Street • Milford, PA 18337

www.safehavenofpikecounty.org/







# Son's of the Legion



Presents 2pm till GONE

# Corn Beef and Cabbage

Dinner

Adults \$14

BYOB

\$7

Saturday March 8th, 2014

**American Legion Post 851** 

Wilson Hill Road (across from the Fire Station)



Dingmans Ferry



# THE TREE OF LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL

Register Today For 2014 - 2015 School Year

Offering 2-Day Programs, 3-Day Programs & Full Day Programs

See Linda in the Church Office for a Parent Handbook & Other Information





DINGMANS FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 115 MYCK ROAD · DINGMANS FERRY, PA 18328 (570) 828-2288



PRESENTS.....



# FREE LONDON BROIL DINNER





SATURDAY March 22nd · 4 - 6PM

A Love Donation Will Be Taken. All Proceeds Support Church Ministries.





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# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2014
Regular Sunday Services 9am & 11am
Sunday School during the 11am Service

Holy Thursday
"Meal With the Master"
April 17, 2014
6pm Service

Good Friday April 18, 2014 7:30pm Service



Good Friday Ecumenical Milford UMC April 18, 2014 † Noon ~ 3pm

Easter Sunday Services
April 20, 2014

† Sunrise Service 7am

† Regular Services 9am & 11am
Sunday School During the 11am Service

Jesus Lives, Let Us Rejoice!

Adopt A
Highway
Clean-Up
Silver Lake Road
(from Rt 739 to Childs Park)

# Sunday, April 27th

#### **Follows 11am Service**

Wear old clothes and boots, long pants recommended.
Gloves, safety vests, bags, traffic signs, etc. are provided by PENNDOT.

Take this opportunity to spend some time with old friends or make some new ones while providing an important community service.

Our adoption commitment is to clean the 2 mile stretch of road at least four times a year between March and October. If your group would like to take charge of one of the clean-ups contact Mary Balton.

Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church is on Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.

Call with any questions: 570-828-2288.



#### DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

I thank you for this day. I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you. I ask now for Your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control. Let me continue to see sin through God's eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive the forgiveness of God.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember Jesus' example -- to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It's the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those who won't share this with others. I pray for those who don't believe. But I thank you that I believe.

I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly.

This is my prayer. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

# up-coming Events...

Apríl 12<sup>th</sup>
 Next Free London Broil 4 – 6pm

April 26<sup>th</sup>
 UMW - Joy Circle

 Pin Making Meeting 1-3pm

May 3<sup>rd</sup>
 MYF Yard Sale W/Vendors
 9am – 3pm

May 10<sup>th</sup>
 Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale
 9am – 2pm

• May 17th Free London Broil 5-7pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> § 24<sup>th</sup>
 Spring Clothing Giveaway (Drop off begins 5/17)

 Vacation Bible School: July 14th through July 18th (Note: VBS is early this year.)



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Check Us Out On Facebook, Too!

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