

Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church

THE BRIDGE

November & December 2013

Newsletter

MILLER'S MUMBLINGS.....

“To Tell the Story.....”



That could be the theme of the Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church—"to tell the story." Why, great balls of fire! We have been in this town a long time. We continue to tell the story of God's love! We do it through Free meals, Free clothes, Free Vacation Bible School and your gifts. Ministry through the Outreach Fund..... And our new Playground for the community---- and the Tree of Life- the best Nursery School in the Pike wilderness. You can take that to the bank!

Why, we do world missions as well! How about Red Bird, UMCOR and Sandy Relief! AND of course we are growing every day in our Shared Ministry to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. We hope to hit 50% of our Shared Ministry by December 31, 2013. A long way from 29% in 2012: Great going good Molly! We are doing it. Thanks to you and all you have been doing. If you haven't been part of what's happening, it's time to get on the wagon. We surely miss you. Without you, we are missing one of the beloved in God's family.

Sure, we moved from Rt. 209 a few decades ago. Had to move up from the river. Uncle Sam gave us little choice. Thanks to our good folks who would not give up- we made it. They are the SAINTS of the church- Tell them you love them!

Your ministry will continue "To Tell the Story." In order to do this we need to keep our church building and mission in order. Remember the vows of membership; I will support the work of the church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Well folks, we want to continue that legacy "To Tell the Story." In order to do the will of God to remember the Saints of the church – we enter Finance Campaign 2014.

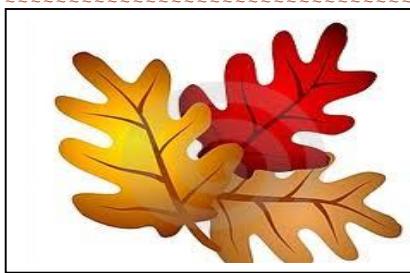
We plan to have a few get-togethers called "Pasta with the Pastor" at the parsonage. You will receive an invitation. I would really like to have you join us. If you can't make one of those gatherings, I plan to have a short brunch/lunch gathering after church for both the 9 and 11AM services on November 10th....to share a few stories. I would really love to have you join me for dinner at the parsonage. Could you do that? If you don't receive an invitation –call me. (845) 820-3950

Well that's my story and I'm sticking to it! Please pass the plate! The PASTA PLATE of course. What were you thinking?

Your servant, Doug Miller of Mumblings



DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH!!!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS **BACK** AT 2AM ON NOVEMBER 3RD.



November & December Lectionary Readings

11/3	Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
11/10	Psalm 145:1-5,17-21; Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38
11/17	Isaiah 12; Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
11/24	Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Colossians 1:11-20 ; Luke 23:33-43
12/1	Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
12/8	Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
12/15	Luke 1:47-55; Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
12/22	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25
12/24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-10
12/25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	Psalm 98; Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
12/29	Psalm 148; Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23
12/31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	Psalm 8; Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
1/5	Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44





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
2nd Thursday of Each Month
Meet in the Sanctuary
Join us for Prayer & Meditation



**Advent Prayer Services
Meet in the Church Sanctuary**

Thursday Evenings: December 5th at 6pm
December 12th at 6pm
December 19th at 6pm

Worship Servants

Schedule of Worship Leadership 2013

<u>9:00 Service</u>	<u>11:00 Service</u>
11/3 Annie Craige	Eric Kislak
11/10 Art Ridley	Elaine Cooper
11/17 Gayla Garren	Art Birtner
11/24 Donna Frable	Carol Birtner
12/1 Laura Wright	Eric Kislak
12/8 Annie Craige	Elaine Cooper
12/15 Art Ridley	Art Birtner
12/22 Gayla Garren	Carol Birtner
12/29 Donna Frable	Eric Kislak
1/5 Laura Wright	Elaine cooper

Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers 2013

<u>9:00 Service</u>
11/3 Art Ridley & Pat Pierson
11/10 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
11/17 Ginny Malloy & Linda Rutledge
11/24 John & Gayla Garren
12/1 Art Ridley & Pat Pierson
12/8 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
12/15 Ginny Malloy & Linda Rutledge
12/22 John & Gayla Garren
12/29 Art Ridley & Pat Pierson
1/5 Doris Hnida & Donna Frable

11:00 Service

11/3 Art & Carol Birtner
11/10 Elaine Cooper & Volunteer
11/17 Jerry & Linda Schierloh
11/24 Connie Squire & Annie Craige
12/1 Art & Carol Birtner
12/8 Elaine Cooper & Volunteer
12/15 Jerry & Linda Schierloh
12/22 Connie Squire & Annie Craige
12/29 Art & Carol Birtner
1/5 Elaine Cooper & Volunteer

Greeters/Ushers for 2013

<u>9:00 Service</u>
11/3 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
11/10 Mike & Pat Brown
11/17 Bob & Linda Davis
11/24 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
12/1 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
12/8 Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
12/15 Mike & Pat Brown
12/22 Bob & Linda Davis
12/29 Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
1/5 Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge

Greeter/Ushers for 2013

<u>11:00 Service</u>
11/3 The Kislak Family
11/10 Cindy DeFederico & Eileen Guyadeen
11/17 Deb McGowan & Volunteer
11/24 The Viscardo Family
12/1 The Kislak Family
12/8 Cindy DeFederico & Eileen Guyadeen
12/15 Deb McGowan & Volunteer
12/22 The Viscardo Family
12/29 The Kislak Family
1/5 Cindy DeFederico & Eileen Guyadeen



Eucharistic Ministry (Communion Set up & Clean-up)

	9am	11am
1 st Sunday of Month:	The Frable's	The Birtner's
2 nd Sunday of Month:	The Davis'	Kim Greene
3 rd Sunday of Month:	The Garren's	Darlene Mihiel
4 th Sunday of Month:	Kathi White	The Schierloh's
5 th Sunday of Month:	Linda Rutledge	Annie Craige



Copies of the Worship Servants List are available in the church office.



November & December Birthdays!

11/1	Robin Fahey	12/1	Kirsten Niper
11/3	Clarissa DeFederico	12/4	Pastor Michael Kim
11/4	Kathy Tschop	12/6	Beth Stickle
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	12/30	Mike Tschop
11/26	Stephanie Damstra		
11/27	Ashley McGowan		

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

Administrative Council



The next 2 Ad Council Meetings are scheduled for Nov. 21st at 6pm & Dec. 19th 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

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

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.



COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (Formerly Nominations)

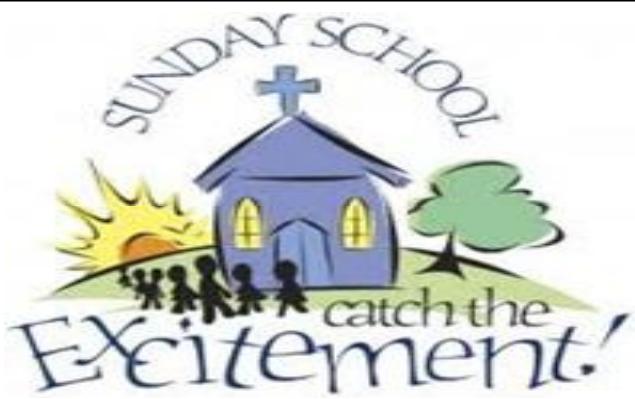
Those serving on the Committee on Lay Leadership 2014:

Bob Davis, Rob Balton, Kim Greene, Irene Luciano & Colleen Craige, Dave Cowan, Holly Bradley, Pat Pierson & Connie Squire



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.



**INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS
TO SUNDAY
SCHOOL!**

**Sunday School meets
during the 11am
Service.**

**Our Superintendent is
Melissa Joseph.**

TEACHERS THIS YEAR...

**Pre-K through Grade 2:
Miss Jill & Miss Cassidy**

**Grade 3 through Grade 6:
Miss Philly & Miss Pam**

**High School Class:
Will Joseph & Mary Balton**

**→Nursery available for
infants & toddlers, too!**



Youth Ministry

Join us for Youth Group!

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

**We Meet in the
Fellowship Hall**

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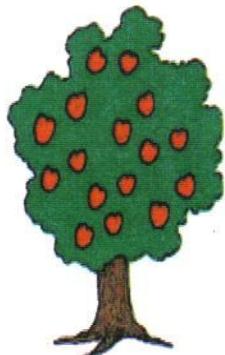
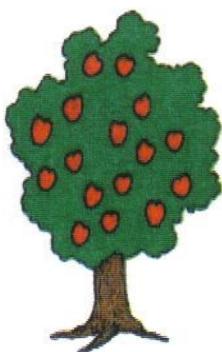
JUMP! (JUST UNITE MY PEOPLE)

THE TREE OF LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL

**Register Today
For 2013 – 2014
School Year**

**We Still Have Openings in
Our 2-Day Program**

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



NURSING HOME MINISTRY



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 November & December:

Belle Reve 2pm:
November 14th & 26th
December 12th

Milford Sr. Care 2:15pm:
November 13th & 27th
December 11th

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.

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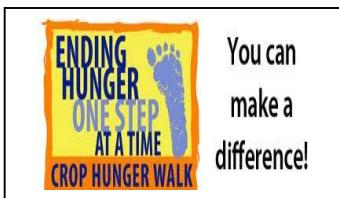
O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen.

Supporting Our College Students

Packages Sent Out With Prayer.....

One Sunday in October the youth Sunday School class under the direction of Will Joseph fulfilled the final stages of our Encouragement Packages project. That day they filled 16 boxes with your donations for our college students. Their task done, the class gathered around the completed boxes and prayed.

We thank God once again for your faithfulness in reaching out to our college students as they study and seek God's direction in their lives.



Walkers Make a Witness

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon as the walkers in their bright blue shirts left the Fireman's Pavilion at Airport Park for the 7th Annual Tri-State CROPWALK. The early total raised is \$11,272 with more money coming in. Our team of 21 walkers raised \$1,747. Our team included Mary and Tess Balton, Linda Rutledge, Caren Shimanski, Will, Melissa, Ben and Spencer Joseph, Art Ridley, Pam and Rebecca Riddlehoover, Faith Woegens, Eileen Rowe, Laura Wright, Teresa, Logan, Landon, Hailey, Kara Tarquini, and Rich and Elaine Cooper.

God bless your faithfulness in helping hungry people by walking and/or sponsoring.



We're heading into the winter months.

...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.

MORE....MISSIONS•MISSIONS•MISSIONS



Our Vision:

Hope emerges where residents, businesses, organizations, government, and institutions work together to heal communities.

Our Mission:

A Future with Hope repairs and rebuilds homes, communities, organizations and systems by strengthening community leadership, engaging neighborhood people, and releasing local assets.

Our Goals:

1. Provide case management for families and individuals to help them access the necessary resources and information to rebuild their lives.
2. Provide counseling for individuals and families impacted by the storm.
3. Repair homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy, focusing on the elderly, low-income and those with disabilities.
4. Recruit, train, house, feed and coordinate volunteers from New Jersey and across the country to repair homes.
5. Raise \$23 million in financial donations.
6. Acquire and manage \$50 million of in-kind supplies and volunteer services for rebuilding hope.

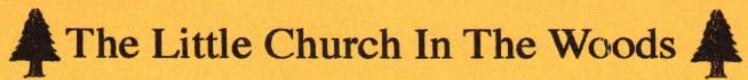
In the next 5 years, 20,000 volunteers will rebuild 300-500 homes and provide HOPE to families whose lives were devastated by Superstorm Sandy. Join us!



United Methodist Church Continues to Send Relief..

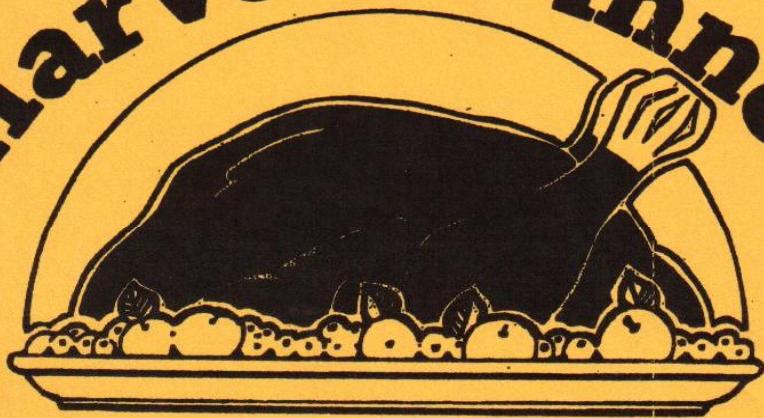
The best way to help right now, is by donating to the GNJ Sandy Relief Fund. The Greater N.J. Annual Conference (GNJAC) has established the GNJ Sandy Relief Fund to help with the relief, recovery, rebuilding, and renewal of those affected by Superstorm Sandy, with a focus on the elderly and low-income residents as well as parsonages and church buildings.

For your convenience, you may make checks out to the local church (DFUMC) and our church treasurer will forward all parishioner donations for you. Please make "Sandy Relief" notation on the memo line of your check.



Presents Its Annual

Senior Citizen's Harvest Dinner



All seniors are welcome to join us
for a FREE afternoon of friends & fun featuring
Turkey and Ham With All The Trimmings !

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 1PM

Reservations are required by October 29th • Call 828-2288
Seating is limited please reserve your place early.

Dinner is FREE!
Special Thanks To The Sponsor Of The Feast
Charles Kannebecker

Transportation is available upon request.

† Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church
is on Myck Road off Park Road... behind Childs Park.
Call with any questions: 570-828-2288.

The Little Church In The Woods Presents Its

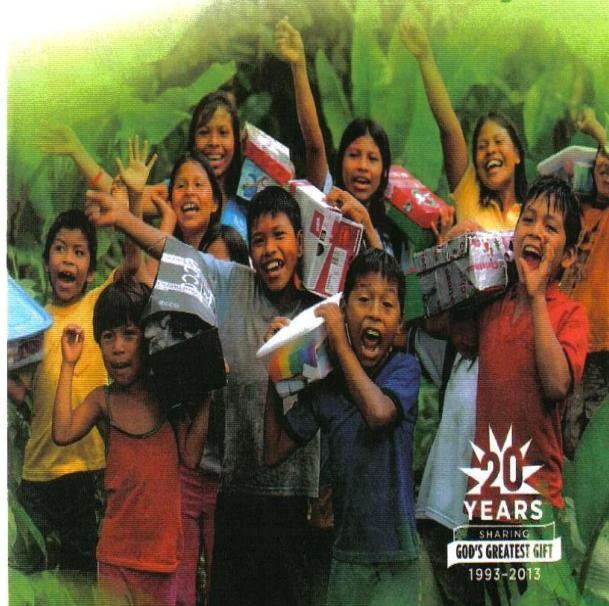
Fall Clean Up Day Saturday

Nov. 9th - 8AM-12PM

Bagels & Coffee Served

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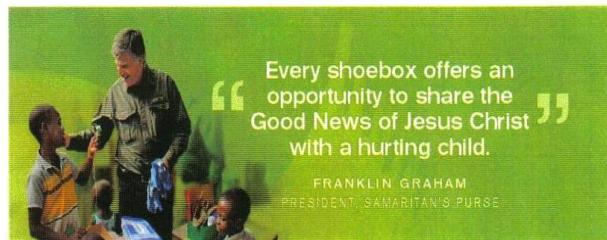


But Jesus called them to Him, saying,
"Let the children come to Me, and do
not hinder them, for to such belongs the
kingdom of God." -LUKE 18:16, ESV



spread the word!

For 20 years, Samaritan's Purse has delivered
shoebox gifts packed by caring people like you
to hurting children around the world.



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PRESIDENT, SAMARITAN'S PURSE

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Shoeboxes MUST be turned in by November 15th.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

"A Community Outreach"

Our goal is to help 20 families this Thanksgiving. Therefore, we are hoping for 20 donations of each item on the following list OR You may choose to sign-up to donate a complete basket by yourself or with a friend.

- Turkeys (10lbs.-20lbs.)
- Gravy Mix (Jar or Package)
- Dinner Rolls (Package)
- Potatoes (5lb. Bags)
- Assorted Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing Mix (Bag or Box)
- Coffee (1lb. Cans)
- Tea Bags
- Juice
- Pancake Mix (box)
- Pancake Syrup
- Apple/Cherry/Pumpkin Pies

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All donations can be left in the boxes provided up-stairs and downstairs. Items to be refrigerated can be labeled "Food Basket" and left in the kitchen.



**Give Thanks
to the
Lord!**

All Donations **MUST** be turned in by Sunday, November 24th

The Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church
115 Myck Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328 * (570) 828-2288
is honored to host.....

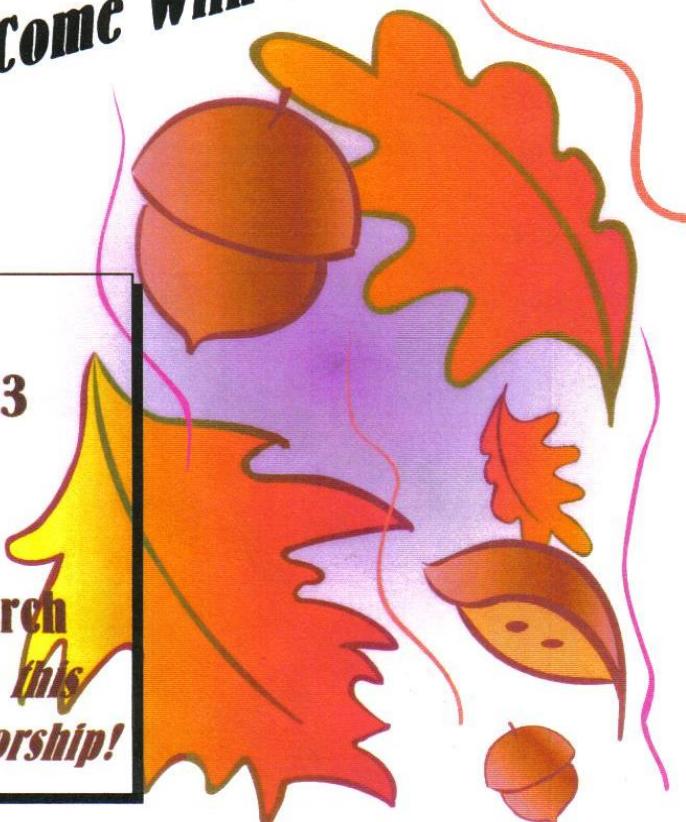
An Ecumenical THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Celebrated By...
Pastor Doug Miller
Father Paul Mullen
Pastor Niels Nielsen

Come With Thanksgiving!

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2013
AT 7PM
Dingmans Ferry
United Methodist Church
*Everyone is welcome to this
Ecumenical Evening of Worship!*





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



Saturday, December 7th
9am – 2pm in our Fellowship Hall

Here's How it Works...
Pick up a food container and a disposable glove
to wear on your cookie-picking hand.

Walk among the tables of delicious homemade cookies,
placing in your container the cookies you want to buy.
Cookies are sold \$8. per pound.

Homemade Cookies Make Great Gifts!
Give them to teachers or take them when you visit!

Why Bake...Let the Methodist Elves Do Your Baking this Year!!





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PRESENTS.....

BBQ

FREE
LONDON BROIL
DINNER



SATURDAY



December 14th • 4 - 6PM

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

A DEVOTIONAL



Something Happened Here!!

Read: [John 1:1-14](#)

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory. ~[John 1:14](#)
Christians are divided in their views of Christmas. Some want to give up on it and hand it over to the stores. Others want to salvage it and use it to say something important about the birth of Jesus to a weary secular world. I, for one, would like to take my place with the second group.

Years ago an old pioneer journeyed westward across the Great Plains of North America until he came to an abrupt halt at the edge of the Grand Canyon. He gawked at the sight before him—a vast chasm 1 mile deep, 18 miles across, and stretching out of sight. He gasped, “Something must have happened here!”

At the Christmas season, anyone who stops to look and listen must ask what the hustle and bustle is all about. A thoughtful man or woman, seeing the lights, the decorations, the festivities, and the religious services might also conclude, “Something must have happened here!”

Of course, something did happen. We need to tell the world about it. God has visited our planet. His Son Jesus Christ came to reveal God and to die for our sins (John 1:1-14). It’s the best news ever! The Lord came and lived among us that we might live forever with Him.

That’s why we can rejoice at Christmas.

One day has left its mark in time
For all mankind to see;
It is the day when Christ was born—
That day made history. —D. De Haan

To make the most of Christmas, focus on Christ.

Our Daily Bread Radio December 22, 2002 — by [Haddon W. Robinson](#)

Up-Coming Events...

- Deb McGowan's
"Fit Club"**

Will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall
1st Saturday Of Each Month

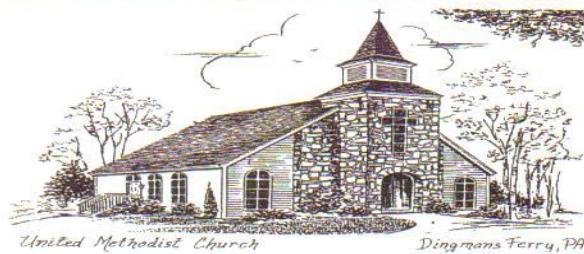
7:30am – 8:15am

Beginning January 4th
(More info. to come)

- "Fitness Day"**

Saturday, January 18th
(Snowdate: 1/25)

(Watch for up-coming info.)



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Facebook, Too!

People can know that we are
Followers of Christ by our attitudes
and our actions.