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Just a couple of weeks ago, I was talking to my father about the increasing constraints on his time as my mother's condition continues to slowly deteriorate. While standing in the backyard near the garden, I broached the subject because the last few times I visited, he looked more worn-out than ever. Scanning the remains of this year's garden, he said that he is very tired and that he guessed he would not be able to plant anything in the garden next year. I responded by saying that while he needed to do less, I wasn't sure that not planting a garden was the answer. Because, I added, it seemed to me that he actually relaxed while working in the garden.

It was wonderful to see his countenance light up at that comment. He said that he did relax while working in the garden; he talked about tilling the dirt and planting the seeds; about watching the plants sprout and grow; about harvesting the bounty and sharing the produce. But most importantly, he talked about how it reminded him of God's bounty and goodness for which he is always thankful. In the midst of serious health issues and declining resources he is always thankful. It occurred to me that he does not complain about his situation in life and is always positive it.

Always thankful! Always thankful! On numerous occasions since that conversation it has been made abundantly clear to me that this is a characteristic which is in seriously short supply. Just think for example, of the last time you listened to any group of adults in general conversation. Was that discussion characterized by words like: "I am blessed," "I am so fortunate," "I couldn't dream of life being better," "I have the best church" or "I always thank God . . ." etc? Or was it filled more with comments like: "The President is no good," or "my retirement account took another hit," or "those people . . ." or . . . you know what I am talking about.

I think the far more important thing to consider, however is: what kind of speech characterizes the conversation in the groups you most often find yourself? And to what degree are you part and parcel of that conversation? For us as Christians this is a very important question to ponder. It is important because we are very well versed in "official" Christian language about what we should say and how we should feel. The Bible is absolutely packed from cover to cover about being thankful before Almighty God. What we say and how we say it, in far less guarded times and places, says far more about us as to whether we are truly thankful people or not. Our society seems to be characterized by grumbling, rather than gratitude. Unfortunately this seems to be leaking in to the church as well.

I cannot help but reflect on the reality of the pilgrims in New England and the colonials in Jamestown. If you read the history of these communities, it is hard to imagine a worse existence. At various times both communities were beset with raw starvation, unimaginable death rates, daily threat of hostile Indians, and rampant disease. And yet, out of this horrible reality, both groups held community days of thanksgiving to Almighty God. Why do we- who have everything- complain so much, while they- who had nothing but hardship- lived lives steeped in Godly thanksgiving?

I think, in part at least, it has something to do with the fact that most people today, even Christians, do not believe that everything (literally everything!) is a gift from God. We actually do believe that we have worked hard for what we have and as such, we deserve what we have. There is no space for a spirit of thanksgiving in the same soul who believes he/she earned what he/she has. The pilgrims and colonials, on the other hand, really believed that Deuteronomy 8:7-20 was about them and a new Israel. Everything was a gift God. They were there because of God. They only survived because of God.

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To Learn, Live and Share Jesus Christ

CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Morning Schedule 8am "Sanctuary" 9am Alpha Bible Study, H 9:15am Christian Education 9:15am The "CLICK" 10:30am "The Walk" 10:40 Worship Work, 201</p>		<p>1 9:15a Ladies' Bible Study, 201 6p Jump 4 Joy (Fall Session), FC 6:30p Praise Team Practice, S</p>	<p>2 Be In the Light (see schedule below) 9:30a Jump 4 Joy, FC</p>	<p>3 6p Jump 4 Joy (Fall Session), FC 7p AD Board</p>	<p>4 9:15a Jump 4 Joy, FC 7:30p Bill Smith Basketball, FC</p>	<p>5 8a Weight Watchers, FH 8:30a BAZAAR SETUP 12p Private Function, FH</p>
See Bazaar Calendar for full listing of Bazaar-related events						
<p>6 Sunday Morning Activities Listed Above 12:30p VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON 2:30p Christmas Musical Practice, 201 4p Bell Choir, 201 5p Movie & More 6p Financial Peace, 201</p>	<p>7 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 2p Drop off items 6p Set up Clothing & White Elephant</p>	<p>8 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 9:15a Ladies' Bible Study, 201 2p Drop off items 6p Setup Clothing & White Elephant 6:30p Praise Team Practice, S 6:30p SPRC</p>	<p>9 Be In the Light (see schedule below) 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 2p Drop off items 6p Setup Clothing & White Elephant 6:30p Grieving Bible Study, 303</p>	<p>10 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 2p Drop off items 6p Set up Clothing & White Elephant</p>	<p>11 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 2p Drop off items 8p Wedding Rehearsal, S 6p Set up Clothing & White Elephant</p>	<p>12 8a Weight Watchers, FH 9a Basket Guild 9a Soup Prep 3p Wedding, H, S</p>
<p>13 Sunday Morning Activities Listed Above 2:30p Christmas Musical Practice, 201 4p Bell Choir, 201 6p Financial Peace, 201</p>	<p>14 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 2p Drop off items 5:30p Compassionate Care Hospice Mtg, H 6p Set up Clothing & White Elephant 6:30p Pal Wrestling Mtg, 305</p>	<p>15 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 9:15a Ladies' Bible Study, 201 2p Drop off items 5p Soup Pickup, FH 6p Set up Clothing & White Elephant 6:30p Praise Team Practice, S</p>	<p>16 No BITL meal 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 6p Craft Drop-off 6p Setup Clothing & White Elephant 6:30p Setup Lobby & Holy Grounds 7p Soup Pickup</p>	<p>17 8a Craft Drop-off 9a Setup Clothing & White Elephant 5p Soup Pickup 6p Baked Goods Drop-off 6p Setup Clothing & White Elephant 7p TRUSTEES</p>	<p>18 9a GHCCC Training—NO CHILDCARE</p>	<p>19 BAZAAR!</p>
<p>20 Sunday Morning Activities Listed Above 2:30p Christmas Musical Practice, 201 3:15 Staff Parish meets with D.S 4p CHARGE CONFERENCE 4p Bell Choir, 201 6p Financial Peace, 201</p>	<p>21 9:15a Jump 4 Joy, FC</p>	<p>22 9:15a Ladies' Bible Study, 201 6:30p Praise Team Practice, S 6:30p SPRC 7:30p 5th Grade Boys Travel B-Ball, FH</p>	<p>23 No BITL meal 9a GHCCC Desserts for Parents, 201 6:30p Grieving Bible Study, 303 7p Community Thanksgiving Service at Gravel Hill</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving 11a-1p Meal for Singles and Disadvantaged at Municipal Bldg</p> 	<p>25 7:30p Bill Smith Basketball, FC</p>	<p>26 8a Decorate Church for Christmas 8a Weight Watchers, FH</p>
<p>27 Sunday Morning Activities Listed Above COMMUNION 2:30p Christmas Musical Practice, 201</p>	<p>28 9:15a Jump 4 Joy, FC</p>	<p>29 9:15a Ladies' Bible Study, 201 6:30p Praise Team Practice, S 7:30p 5th Grade Boys Travel B-Ball, FH</p>	<p>30 Be In the Light (see schedule below) ADVENT SERVICE</p>	<p>Be In the Light Evening Activities 5:30 Meal (\$5) 6:00 Kids Choir, 301 6:30 Women's Bible Study "Son Seekers," H Adult Bible Study, Chapel Healing After Loss, 303 Revelation, 305 Love and War (couples), 201 Adult Bible Study, chapel Young Adults Bible Study, 204 Pioneer Clubs, FH Youth Group 302/3 7:00 Traditional Choir Rehearsal, 301</p>		
<p>REMINDER: Be sure to call the office to schedule any event or meeting for which you need to reserve space in the church.</p>						

Things You Don't Want to Miss

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| November 3 - Ad Board Meeting, 7pm | December 18 - Christmas Musical, "Everything Glorious" |
| November 6 - Veteran's Day Luncheon | December 21 - Christmas Caroling |
| November 19 - HOLIDAY BAZAAR and Pancake Breakfast | December 24 - Christmas Eve Services |
| November 20 - Church/Charge Conference | 5pm - Family and Children Worship |
| November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Gravel Hill | 7pm - Multi-Media Worship |
| November 27 - Communion | 9pm - Candlelight Worship |
| November 30; December 7, 14, 21 - Wednesday Evening Advent Services | December 25 - 9:15 Worship, No Christian Ed classes |
| December 3 - Mush in the Slush, 2-3pm | December 28 - Youth Celebration Dinner |
| December 10 - Jesus Birthday Party, "Star of Wonder" | December 31 - Countdown to the Cross |
| December 13 - Gernert/Hepler Christmas Concert | |

Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals with prayer, cards and visits. Always call before visiting to confirm that the individual would like to be visited.

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| Bryce Sternberger & Dawn Sternberger | Kelley Berman | Julia Patrick |
| The Frank Bricker family | Lester & Carolyn Longenecker | Mildred Spangler |
| Betty & Donald Seitz | Gary & Judy Brown and family | Bob Gingrich |
| Evan Krieder & family | Kim Lehn & family | Jeanne Seltzer |
| Dale & Cookie Umberger | Tages Hamilton | Donna Wolfer |
| Libby and Al Keller | Dolly & Larry Linebaugh | |
| Greg Cassel, Sr. | Jane Stewart | |
| Barb & Ken Parker | Kermit & Charlotte Sipe | |
| Lindsay Simmers | Roger & Maudie Fake | |
| Trudy Smith | Dolly & John Gordon | |

November Birthdays

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| 11/1/1960 Stacey Houser | 11/10/1977 Lou Rotunda | 11/18/1977 Michael Cloud |
| 11/1/1966 Renelle Evans | 11/11/1932 Erna Shearer | 11/18/1971 Stephanie Butler |
| 11/1/1982 Tara Reitz | 11/11/1960 Jacqueline Neidigh | 11/19/1955 Cindy Blauch |
| 11/2/1966 Bethany Walker | 11/12/2002 Roman Byler | 11/19/2003 Lauren Forte |
| 11/2/1994 Zachary Sheffy | 11/12/1969 Jeffrey Friedel | 11/19/1998 Rachel Boltz |
| 11/3/1950 Dale Huffman | 11/13/1958 Pam Foreman | 11/19/2001 Garret Kohr |
| 11/3/1981 Judy Smith | 11/13/1998 Briana Long | 11/20/2009 Sienna Lutz |
| 11/3/1995 Alex Stringer | 11/14/1953 Steven Cook | 11/21/1923 Pauline Koons |
| 11/4/2005 Madison Blauch | 11/14/1992 Johnathan Stewart | 11/21/2006 Madden Smith |
| 11/4/1963 Timothy Pankake | 11/14/1973 Chad Bell | 11/21/1996 Conner Moro |
| 11/4/1986 Jacob Becknauld | 11/14/1975 Anne Long | 11/21/1999 Sean Reedy |
| 11/4/1963 Debbie Warlow | 11/15/2008 Brennan deMackiewicz | 11/22/1969 Keith Wanfried |
| 11/5/1987 Tawn Boltz | 11/15/1948 Winnie Hetrick | 11/23/1980 Rae Adams |
| 11/5/1987 Ted Rider | 11/15/2001 Ryan Talalai | 11/23/1993 Brianna Cummins |
| 11/7/1950 Dennis Shirk, Sr. | 11/15/1988 Ross Young | 11/25/1990 Christopher Kriner |
| 11/7/1955 Richard Hamp | 11/16/1961 Connie Neiswender | 11/23/1979 Rebecca Grumbine |
| 11/7/1987 Ashley Bogdan | 11/17/1974 Jody Forte | 11/30/1925 Frances Hetrick |
| 11/8/1954 Gary Suchy | 11/17/2007 Kohen Wallace | 11/30/1986 Sara Berkhimer |
| 11/8/1978 Kyra Lutz | 11/17/1997 Chelsea Gontz | |
| 11/8/2010 Caroline Lightner | 11/17/1997 Tyler Julian | |
| 11/9/1964 Lewis West | 11/17/1997 Elizabeth Holzman | |
| 11/9/2008 Anna Crawford | 11/17/1995 Drew Schappell | |
| 11/10/1941 Bonnie Clark | 11/17/2000 Alana Moro | |
| 11/10/1943 Sylvia Perrero | 11/18/1948 Sandra Deschamps | |

Deep Thoughts

by Tony Rose



Dear Gravel Hill UMC,

Stay the course and please get involved. Please continue to volunteer. Please continue to pray for our church, this community, our leaders, our world. Please continue to ask God to come into our lives each and every second to touch our hearts and make us the church He wants us to be.

Pray for the fragileness of life; the porcelain-care we need to give our families, our friends, our loved ones. Be passionate about GHUMC. Be passionate about YOUR place in this church; your role. Own that role. Own that piece to this place; own it because each of us can become the foundation stone for another's Faith Walk.

As the holidays approach, please take special time out to

ACT out your Faith.

In C.S. Lewis' book, *The Screwtape Letters*, a Devil Trainer writes to his Trainee, "The more often he (us humans) feels without acting, the less he will be able to ever act, and, in the long run, the less he will be able to feel." Don't make agreements with the devil about being too busy, too inexperienced, too shy, or too tired to get involved. It's what Satan wants!

Be bold in your faith and ACT on it.

Upcoming events

Please join us Sunday, November 6, from 12:30-3:30 for our Second Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon, hosted by GHUMC Volunteers. The cost is free and the invitation is to any active ser-

vicemen and servicewomen and their families, as well as veterans and their families. Sign-ups officially end on Tuesday, November 1, but if you'd like to attend and did not sign-up prior to the 11/1 date, please call me ASAP so I can add you. This year's guest speaker is Colonel Frank Ryan. Music will be provided by Diane Kupstas and Bobby Gemert. Please join us in honoring all of our military personnel; both veterans and active.

You should see an advertisement for the upcoming Bazaar, as well. Please contact Sandy Fausey, Megan Ballard, or myself with any questions you might have regarding it. INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!!!! This is an amazing event, so let's get as many people up here as possible

on November 19th!

The "Thanksgiving Luncheon" to be held on Thanksgiving Day, is in the process of being planned. Please keep an eye out for information regarding that ministry.

Until December keep this "Deep Thought" in mind..."One day one of my little nephews came up to me and asked me if the equator was a real line that went around the Earth, or just an imaginary one. I had to laugh. Laugh and laugh. Because I didn't know, and I thought that maybe by laughing he would forget what he asked me." ~ Jack Handey



Christmas Is Coming!

Dear Congregation of Gravel Hill,

We are thrilled to be approaching the Christmas season and we want to bring you along in our excitement! This season's worship will have some exciting events and schedule changes that we want to share with you.

On **Sunday, December 18** we will be presenting our live Christmas Musical featuring the adult choir, praise band and praise team singers and youth. The musical is called **Everything Glorious** and is a great blend of Christmas Carols and Contemporary Christmas music guaranteed to please everyone and get you in the Christmas mood. The musical will take place at 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and will be the contemporary worship services for that day. At 8:00 a.m. traditional worship will be as usual. For Christian Education purposes we are offering the following suggestions; **Children's Sunday school** classes will have a combined party in fellowship hall where they will receive their gifts and enjoy a time of celebration with their peers. This will allow some of the class teachers to sing in the musical without leaving their class in a bind. Thank you to Shauna for coordinating the Christian Education time for this day. **Adult Sunday school** will be optional on this day. Each class will have the option of deciding what worship service they wish to go to and what time they wish to have class or not to have class at all. Each class is asked to decide and let Shauna know so that the appropriate announcements can be made for each class.

On **Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Morning** we will be having a combined worship service called **Christmas Presence**. Come and celebrate the birth of our Savior in a blended service that will begin at 9:15 a.m. **Christmas Presence** will be a very casual worship service where we encourage families to come with favorite toys in tow even the kiddos in PJ's will be encouraged. The welcome center will have milk, coffee and cookies for the morning. There will be **NO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION** classes, **Adult Christian Education** will be optional for each class and at the classes discretion. The church will be open for **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** classes at 8:10 a.m. the church hours that day will be 8:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Again, we will ask the adult classes to inform Shauna of their plans for that day so appropriate announcements can be made to the congregation.

If you have any questions please direct them to Joyce (joyce@gravelhillumc.org) for Worship questions and Shauna (shauna@gravelhillumc.org) for Christian Education questions.

Thank you and God Bless,
Pastor Douglas E. Smith
Joyce Lochinger, Worship Leader
Shauna Dowdrick, Christian Education Director

New Format for DISCIPLE Bible, Starting in January

In his sermons, Rev. Smith has talked about how important intentional faith development is for our spiritual growth. In response to that message, Jim Fausey will be leading a DISCIPLE Bible Study beginning in 2012. In the past, this 34-week course was offered from September through April. However, this year, we are offering Disciple using a new schedule.



Starting on Monday, January 9, 2012, and running through April 30, Disciple will meet on Mondays from 6:30-9pm. During these 17 classes, the Old Testament portion of the class will be covered. Class will then break for the summer. This break will give everyone a chance to rest and recharge between sessions.

DISCIPLE will then resume on Monday, August 27 and finish on December 17, 2012. During this 17-week Fall session, the New Testament portion of the study will be covered.

You are asked to prayerfully consider making DISCIPLE Bible study part of your faith development. Since this class is very interactive, using large and small group discussion as part of the learning process, it is essential that at least 10-12 people commit to participating in the study. There is no other Bible study like DISCIPLE. Whether you are a new Christian or have been a Christian for a long time, or whether you have participated in Bible studies for years or have never participated in one before, DISCIPLE has something to offer you. But it *is* a commitment. So if you are serious about your walk with the Lord and are willing to meet Reverend Smith's challenge for intentional faith development head on, you can sign up for DISCIPLE at the Welcome Center. You can also call Jim Fausey at 838-3854, or e-mail him at jfsf1@verizon.net to sign-up

Blood Drive on Sunday, December 4

Sign up at the Welcome Center to Donate Blood on Sunday, December 4, between 8-11am at the church

Donations support the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank
Call the Blood Bank at 1-800-771-0059 for more information

Flood Damage? Register With FEMA

Anyone who has experienced flood damage is encouraged to register with FEMA. You can register at:

<http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

If you don't have a computer (or have one and don't know how to use it), please contact Cheryl Heverling at f531-8026. Cheryl is the leader of Gravel Hill's HALOS (Helping Adults Locate Online Services) ministry.

Fall Harvest Ingathering—November 20



Fall is the time we celebrate the harvest—the Ingathering. Our Ingathering is a way to give thanks for our own plentiful blessings through donations of food and money that goes to The Caring Cupboard. There are many individuals and families that depend on The Caring Cupboard so they don't go hungry. That number seems to grow daily.

Let's support those in our community that need help.

Donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the front of the sanctuary from November 14-20.

Monetary donations can be given to Jay Jurell, Earl Hetrick, Greg Bump or Gary Trowbridge, or handed in at the church office by November 13. Make checks payable to Gravel Hill UMC and note "Fall Ingathering" in the memo line.

Urgent Need for Flood Buckets

Flood Buckets are urgently needed to help recent flood victims. Please assemble one or more buckets as described below. To help with shipping, \$1 must accompany each bucket. You may also drop off any items at the church office as soon as possible.

Buckets will be assembled October 17, at the Northwest District Hub at Immanuel Church in Cleona (they meet the 3rd Monday of each month to assemble buckets) Everyone is invited to help—No experience necessary. Please contact our church office at 838-4721 with any questions.

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
 - Laundry detergent (two 25 oz/ or one 50 oz. bottles only)
 - Dish Soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
 - 1 can air freshener, aerosol or pump
 - 1 insect repellent, 6-14 oz/ spray pump with protective cover
 - 24 heavy duty trash bags
 - 5 dust masks
 - 1 scrub brush
 - *18 handi-wipes or reusable wipes, no terry cloth
 - *sponges
 - *2 pair disposable kitchen gloves, latex or rubber
 - *1 pair work gloves
 - *5 scouring pads
 - *40 clothes pins
 - *Clothesline (two 50 foot or one 100 foot line)
- * please remove packaging from these items.

Yard Signs

Thanks to all who placed 5K Run signs in your yards. Please place them in the container in the lobby so they can be used next year!

Extravagant Worship

This month's extravagant worshipping family is Rob and Gretchen Miller, and their daughters, Marley and Piper.

It was last Christmas and I was trying to put together a group of singers for the Christmas Cantata when Diane Kupstas came to me and said, "there is a great male voice that sits behind me in worship during the CLICK service, you should check his voice out". So, one Sunday I sat in front of Rob and Gretchen Miller and I listened to what was one of the nicest bass voices I had heard, outside of the choir and praise team members, in a long time. I immediately turned around and asked this man if he would be interested in singing for the Christmas Cantata and without hesitation he said, "sure!". That was how I met Rob

and Gretchen Miller and what a blessing they have been to the family of Gravel Hill ever since.

Rob and Gretchen regularly attend the CLICK service with their daughter Marley and soon, with their brand new baby girl, Piper, born on October 9. Rob proved he could sing but more importantly showed me and the congregation through his singing that he had a passion for the Lord that was so obvious. I sat down with Gretchen and Rob and asked if they would like to make that gift available to the congregation more often by having Rob join the praise team. Gretchen replied "he already sings like he thinks he is a Praise Team member when he is in the congregation, so why not make it official." Now Rob is a member of the team. But it's so much more than

just singing. This family is dedicated to sharing Christ with the community and with their family through worship here at the church. Rob has shared that he was raised in a good Christian home and then when he was old enough to make his own decisions, he drifted far away from what he knew was right. Through his family loving him and finding a wonderful wife, he was able to come back to God with a passion that is so clear on his face anytime he talks about church, sings and most importantly, when he thanks God for his loving family. And speaking of his family, Gretchen can be found most Sundays with the children in the pew singing and worshipping, at softball games cheering on her hubby and the church softball team and helping

to keep her family focused on God in their lives and service to Him. When you see Gretchen, Rob and Marley congratulate them on their new addition and give thanks in your heart for all people young and old who are rediscovering God in their lives after walking away. Remember God never leaves us.

Have a great week and keep on worshipping with the joy of the Lord in your hearts!

Joyce Lochinger
Worship Leader



November Sermon Series

30 DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

Nov 6: Thanksgiving for Saints Luke 17:11-19

Nov 13: Developing an Other Ethic John 6:25-35

Nov 20: The Dream of The Table Deuteronomy 8:6-18

Nov 27: Learning to Wait Isaiah 64:1-9

(First Sunday of Advent)

Thank You

Dear Gravel Hill United Methodist Church,

The boys in student home Iroquois wanted to thank you for having the Community Day on Saturday. We had a lot of fun playing games. Thank you for the free food. And we also liked the praise band.

Sincerely, Boys of Student Home Iroquois (Cory, Daniel, Casey, Chris, Jessica, Travis, Thaddeus, Devin)

What great fun we had! Thank you!

Nolan Houser, Houseparent, Milton Hershey School

Operation Christmas Child

This is a gift that changes lives. Please pick up a brochure and/or a box from the lobby for full information.

Bring the filled boxes to the church by Noon on Sunday, November 13th.

Call Joan Craver at 838-9032 with questions, or visit the website www.samaritanspurse.org.

Send a CarePack

Bring a smile to an orphan or needy child by giving a CarePack through Global Aid Network.

For more information, please contact Missy Gernert at 228-9115 or e-mail her at: Mgernert18@gmail.com

CarePack Supply List

1. 2 pencils
2. 2 ballpoint pens (blue or black)
3. 1 pack colored pencils (12-24 count)

4. 1 pack crayons (24 count)
5. 1 letter-size spiral notebook (70-page minimum)
6. 1 12 inch ruler (metric)
7. 1 eraser (not a slip on pencil eraser)
8. 1 small pencil sharpener
9. 1 sheet or page or colorful stickers
10. 1 toothbrush (in original package)
11. 1 letter and a photo of you and/or your family
12. \$5 per CarePack to help deliver overseas

please place all items in a Ziplock bag

Drop off completed kits or any of the items in the containers marked "CarePacks" near the Welcome Center.

Time Change!

The time of the Christmas Musical Practice has changed to 2:30-4pm, every Sunday in the Choir Room.

10 Reasons You Should Help With the 29th Annual Bazaar

1. Feel a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment in knowing you have served the Lord as we help local charities meet the needs of people in our community.
2. It is a fun way to get to know other people who attend our church.
3. Many willing hands help to lighten the burden. (If everyone can help an hour or two it will be greatly appreciated. There are many opportunities before the bazaar to help with set up, making soup, gift baskets, crafts, baked items. The day of the bazaar we need parking attendants, shuttle drivers, kitchen workers, help with sales in all areas, hospitality helpers and help with clean up - there is a job for everyone! Stop by the table in the lobby to let us know where we can count on you!)
4. You can share your joy of baking by donating your favorite cookies, pie, cake, breads or other items.
5. Gift baskets are fun to create and people appreciate a thoughtful handmade gift.
6. People love handmade crafts, but have little time to be creative.
7. You might learn a new skill – like how to make rivets, or flip the perfect pancake, how we can make soup in a braising pan, how to effectively price flea market items, crafts or gift baskets.
8. Share a good laugh or two that someone has more interesting “treasures” to donate to the white elephant area than you.
9. Enjoy time interacting with friends and neighbors to share the friendly, caring spirit of Gravel Hill.
10. See joy on the face of a child as he/she makes a craft or has a picture taken with Santa Claus.

Helping with the bazaar is exhausting, fun, satisfying way to serve the Lord!

Thank You

Sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and certainly for all the delicious, love-filled meals that were prepared and delivered to our home after my surgery and during my recuperation. God loves you and so do we.

Ken and Barb Parker

Caring Cupboard Walk

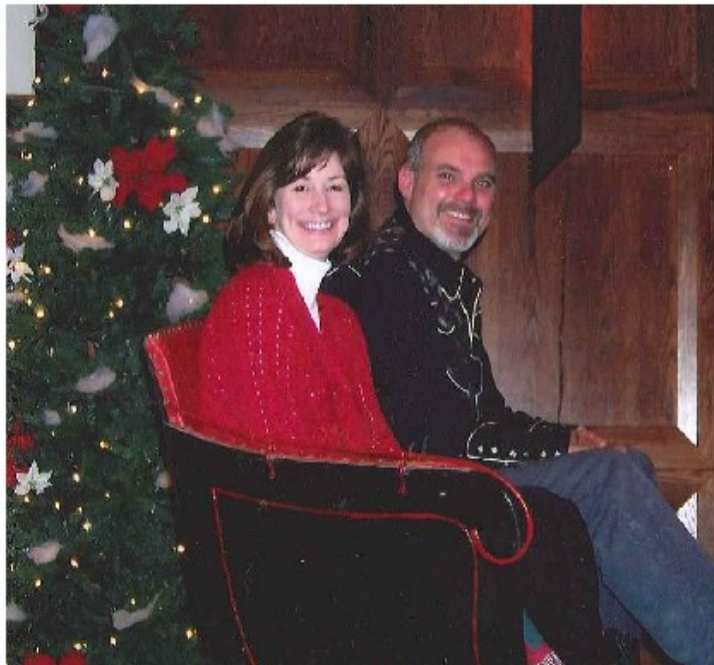
Thank you to all of our Caring Cupboard Walk walkers – Nancy Bordner; Dylan Fausey and Meredith Fausey-Kreider; Jane and Pete Gurt; Jake, Sam and Trudy Kern; Vicki Lingle; Lucille and Stephen Powell; Scott Via; Bill Yohn; and Sandy Fausey. Also, thank you to all who contributed by sponsoring walkers. You helped to make this yet another successful mission project.

Sixty-nine walkers raised a total of \$6,641. Gravel Hill's walkers contributed \$2,000.

GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS AWAY

“A Christmas Concert” given by...

Bobby Gernert * Christine Hepler



Tuesday

Dec 13th
at 7 PM

Snow Date is
Thursday 12/15
at 7 pm

A free will
OFFERING will be taken.

All proceeds benefit
the
CARING TREE.

Non-Perishable items
will be
Collected
at the door.

**Gravel Hill United Methodist Church,
131 Gravel Hill Road, Palmyra**

www.gravelhillumc.org

717- 838-4721

Bead for Life Sunday, November 6

Bead for Life jewelry being displayed
Sunday, Nov. 6th from 7:30-10:30

This jewelry is made by impoverished Ugandans who are hard working & have a desire to improve their lives. The beads are made from recycled paper & magazines.

Your purchase will help provide income for shelter, food, medicine, school & hope for their family's future.

A Movie and More...

The first Sunday evening of every month, come on out to "A Movie and More...", a time for devotions followed by a movie.

Everyone is invited!

She's moved! Mark your directory!

Dorothy Sauder has moved. Her new address is:

4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt. #204
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Her new phone number is: (717) 657-7095

"Stop by to see me
or give me a call."
Dorothy

Caring Cupboard

PRIMARY NEEDS:

1. Canned peas
2. Canned cream soups
3. Spaghetti sauce
4. Canned fruit
5. Apple sauce
6. Canned tomatoes in all forms
7. Paper supplies (bath tissue, paper towels, facial tissues)

SECONDARY NEEDS

1. Mac and cheese
2. Canned tuna
3. Peanut butter
4. Pork and bean
5. Baked beans
6. Kidney beans
7. French green beans,

creamed corn, beets, carrots, spinach, asparagus
8. Gravy, broths

THANKSGIVING MEAL PROJECT

"Share the Bounty"
The Caring Cupboard is planning to provide Thanksgiving meals to out clients. If you would like to provide items, let us know by calling 838-9493 or e-mailing us at pacccc@verizon.net or jmjurell@aol.com.

What we need:

1. Turkey (10-15 lb whole)
2. Roasting Chicken
3. Potatoes (fresh or boxed) or fresh/canned Sweet Potatoes
4. Stuffing Mix
5. Canned Gravy or Mixes

6. 2 kinds of Vegetables (most popular: peas, green beans, corn, carrots)
7. Canned Fruit
8. Cranberry sauce
9. Butter or Margarine
10. Muffin Mix
11. Rolls/Bread
12. 1 Dessert (if cake mix, including icing)

Bring items to the Caring Cupboard (back door) on Friday, November 11, between noon and 2pm, or Monday, November 14 between 9-11am and 3-6pm.

It is time to start thinking about the Boy Scout Food Drive, Harvest Home Drives, and Thanksgiving Meals for our families.

Grocery Markets have started to advertise how to get free or reduced price turkeys!

Have you noticed what has happened to the price of eggs? They have increased over 30 cents per dozen. The Caring Cupboard is not paying \$1.22 for medium eggs, but we are continuing to buy eggs for the clients.

DROP OFF HOURS:

MONDAY 9-11 AND 3-6
WEDNESDAY 9-12 AND
5:30-7:00
FRIDAY 12-2

Thank You

Dear Gravel Hill family,

Wow, thank you! The words do not do justice to how grateful we are for the assistance we received after the birth of our baby daughter, Katherine Paige. The meals and extra help around the house was invaluable. To everyone who brought us food, yum. It was wonderful not having to worry about dinner each night while trying to adjust to having a new infant in the house while still wrangling a four year old. Karen's post-partum medical complications made the time more stressful and tiring. You all took away some of that stress, and added inches to the waste line.

To the ground crew that came and took care of some REALLY overdue gardening – I [Joe] looked out the window and cried when I watched you working. I kept seeing the gardens get more and more out of control and thought, OH God, when am I ever going to get to that. Well God answered. And Tony, thanks for checking in on us and for mowing my lawn. You can come back anytime.

We would be remiss if we didn't say a special thanks to Carolyn Matthews for organizing everyone and making sure that whatever we needed was attended to.

And finally, thank you to each and everyone one of our fellow Gravel Hill members. The prayers, thoughts, phone calls, cards and all the other things everyone did for us is amazing. We continue to thank God each and every day for bringing Gravel Hill into our lives.

Blessings,
Joe and Karen Ostrander

29th Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 19, 7am-1pm

Breakfast and Sale begins at 7am

White Elephant and Clothing

[After 11am, White Elephant items 50% off and clothing becomes \$1 per bag (excluding coats)]

Handmade Crafts

Gift Baskets

Baked Items

Homemade Soup - Takeouts \$5/quart

9am-Noon - Photos with Santa and Kids Crafts

Lunch - Homemade Soup and Sandwiches

All Proceeds given to local charities

Mush in the Slush

December 3, 2-3pm

50-yard Race on Main Street.

Snow, Rain, Slush, Sunshine, or Otherwise

Teams are encouraged to wear costumes and participate in the parade following the race.

Register by November 23!



Advent Worship

"Proclaim the Wondrous Birth"

Wednesdays at 6:45pm after the Be In the Light meal

November 30
December 7
December 14
December 21



**Sign up to get the Newsletter
via E-mail!**

Simply hand in your name and e-mail address at the office. It's Easy!

Education Station

Christian Education and Sunday School

Sunday school times are **9:10-10:10**. Please **do not** drop off your child prior to 9:00. Please do not leave them in the room if the teacher has not arrived yet. This is for the safety of your child, which is of the utmost importance to Gravel Hill.

Christian Education Welcome Two New Teachers

Janelle and Michelle Ault will be teaching one Sunday per month in the 3rd and 4th grade class. Welcome too the team, and thank you!

For All Children and Youth Teachers

We will be wrapping gifts for the kids on Saturday, December 17 at 9am in Fellowship Hall. The more people we have, the faster it will go.

Pioneer Club Staff Grows

Please welcome two new leaders to Pioneer Club and Gravel Hill....Jennie Russell and Emily Mack (pictured here with some of the PC kids) have answered the call to help lead the children in Exploring God's Love. These young ladies come to us from Hershey Evangelical Free Church. Jennie is an teacher at the Goddard school in Hummels-town and Emily is a RN in the recovery room at HMC. The commitment of these ladies has helped Pioneer Club to expand our groups from two to three. Tawn Boltz continues to lead the youngest of our group. Along with our lesson leaders, Chris and Heather Moyer have taken on the role of "Game Night" leaders and Missy Gernert will be our "Missions" leader.



Thank you for helping us share the Word of God with our young people!

Background Clearances

You must have background clearances to work with the children and youth at Gravel Hill. Have you checked your background clearances lately? They must not be over three (3) years old.

If you're clearance is expired, please apply for new ones. Copies of clearances must be on file in the church.

**DIRECTORIES ARE
HERE!**

*Please pick them
up in the office*

Kidz Choir News

Upcoming Schedule for 2011- 20120, and other important dates to remember:

Kidz Choir practices from 6-6:30pm every Wednesday evening (unless otherwise noted below) in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, November 23 - NO PRACTICE (night before Thanksgiving)
 Saturday, December 3; 9-12 noon – Practice for Jesus Birthday Party with Pizza Party
 Saturday, December 10; 9-12 noon – Practice for Jesus Birthday Party
 Saturday, December 10; 7pm - Jesus Birthday Party - this is a fun drama and musical featuring the kids of the church.
 Wednesday, December 21 - NO PRACTICE (Christmas break)
 Saturday, December 24 – sing in the Christmas Eve Worship service
 Wednesday, December 28 - NO PRACTICE (Christmas break)
 Wednesday, January 4 – Wednesday, February 15 practice
 Wednesday, February 22 - NO PRACTICE (Ash Wednesday Service)
 Wednesday, February 29 – March 25 practice
 Wednesday, April 4 - NO PRACTICE (Holy Week)
 Wednesday, April 11 – May 30 – practice
 Wednesday, June 6 - Final Practice for Kidz Sunday and VBS Kick off
 June 10 - Kidz Sunday and VBS Kickoff - the children will lead worship in all three services and prepare for a week of vacation Bible school

Our Sundays for singing are:

We will be singing in worship every third Sunday of the month

Sunday, November 20
 No Sundays in December (we will sing for Jesus Birthday party and on Christmas Eve, December 24)
 Sunday, January 15
 Sunday, February 19
 Sunday, March 18
 Sunday, April 15
 Sunday, May 20
 Sunday, June 10 (Kidz Sunday and VBS Kick off)

We will have several Saturday practices for Jesus Birthday Party and extended practices for musical rehearsals and Kidz Sunday and VBS Kick off

Dates are subject to change, so thanks for your understanding.

If you are interested in joining Kidz Choir or have any questions, please email me at joyce@gravelhillumc.org or call me at the church 838-2629, ext 121

Joyce Lochinger

Be a **THANKS-GIVER** this **THANKSGIVING**



We'll be serving up more than just food this Thanksgiving and could use your help!

We're currently seeking the following food donation items:

- Frozen, whole TURKEYS
- HAMS
- BUTTER

We're also seeking volunteers in order to fill these Thanksgiving Day roles:

- TABLE AMBASSADORS
- SERVERS, BUSSERS, HOSTS & GREETERS

Thursday, November 24, from 11am-1pm
 Palmyra Municipal Building

This year's Thanksgiving Meal for single people and disadvantaged families will be held at the Palmyra Municipal Building near the center of town on Thanksgiving Day. Being downtown will make it easier for individuals and families without transportation to walk to the meal.

Monetary and food donations will be needed, as well as volunteers.

Watch for more information. Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center very soon!

Be In the Light - Every Wednesday Night starting at 5:30pm

Come on out for dinner at 5:30pm and spend some time with you brothers and sisters in Christ. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

\$5 per person.
 \$15 per family

There are many Bible Studies...It's never too late to join!

If you are interested in attending any of these studies, please contact Tony Rose at 838-4721 or tony@gravelhillumc.org

Gravel Hill Youth

Holy cow! "It's a foul!" would be my son's follow up. Well, it's not a foul, but it certainly is November. I love this month of the year for the pure fact that more people say "Thanks!"

During this month we take the time to focus on what we have and are prominently reminded to pause, reflect on that blessing, and give the gift of: "Thank you!"

Thank you for the ability to be able to work.
 Thank you for the ability to read.
 Thank you for nourishment and shelter.
 Thank you for the ability to have family.
 Thank you for life itself.
 Thank you God for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

I thank each and every one of you for being a part of the family of Christ here at Gravel Hill that continues to nurture, support, and cheer on our youth as they continue on the faith journey. Their Bible study, mission activities, and practice of faith each day at school, are steps they take to learn who they are as God created them to be. The steps may seem small, but they are helping to build a rock solid faith.

We want to express deep appreciation for the support at our spaghetti supper in October. We were able to serve 141 people. Through that service, we raised \$560 to go toward our youth fund for our upcoming mission trips in 2012!

Many yummy compliments were passed along regarding the meal for the evening. Our special sauce was created by Jeff and Judy Kennedy. And our operations ran smoothly thanks to the help of Vicki Lingle, Jim & Sandy Fausey, and all of the youth members who helped to prep, serve, and clean up throughout the evening! Super job crew!

Wednesday Night Youth Group Meetings (Rm 303) 6:30pm: 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

Special Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 6: 5pm Movie and More: **It's a Wonderful Life**
 Sunday, Nov. 20: 5pm Greta Glen Worship

Saturday, Dec. 3: 2pm Mush in the Slush (Go Youth Team!)
 Sunday, Dec. 4: 5pm Movie: **Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe**

Saturday, Dec. 10: 8pm Serve food at the Happy Birthday Jesus party in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 29: 6pm Celebration Dinner for Youth and their families

Please keep your favorite scriptures coming! If you did not get a paper for you to share your favorite scripture, you can find one on the ledge in front of the mailboxes by the elevator. Once you have filled it out, slip your paper in the mailbox lined with red paper. Thanks for sharing!

If you have questions,
 please contact Katie Landis. katie@gravelhillumc.com

Parish Nursing Notes

by Pastor Lynn Hackman

We just had new members join the church last week—it is always a time of celebration when we add people to our community. But for all of us, there are some interesting issues that we tend to avoid discussing whether we are new member of the church, or members who have been around awhile, and that is, how do we *seriously* act and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

If we take the gospel message and bring it into today's world, to be a disciple means something other than the observance of obligatory religious worship, it means to be obedient. We are called to rebel against the spiritually debilitating indifference of American cultural individualism. We are called to empower communities in ways where there will no longer be poor and outcast, black or white, gay or straight. We would not label some groups as "unsaved" while considering ourselves "saved," but understand that we are all children of God growing together toward a closer relationship with God and true life in the Spirit. Paul called us the "beloved" communities.

A true beloved community would appear peculiar to most. It would support the weak, sacrifice to cure the sick, care for the earth, nurture one another, refuse ostentatious displays of wealth, give abundantly, focus on ethics instead of theology, do good works instead of concentrating on belief, and seek truth wherever it could be found. It would realize that freedom in Christ does not mean doing whatever you please, but that the most radical freedom in Jesus means to be obedient to a power higher than yourself and therefore to be free of the world's expectations and demands. This beloved community would look and act differently than those who were not a part of it. It would live out a new ethic. It would probably be labeled as "un-American." It would not feel at home in the world. It would be governed by obedience to God.

As Christians, we should warn people joining the Church that they are entering into a strange, new world, a "new covenant of inconvenience" (Robin Meyers, *Saving Jesus from the Church*), where we meet at inconvenient times and do inconvenient things because we are under orders. We may not feel exactly like doing something at a particular moment but we do it anyway, because we obey something greater than ourselves.

American Christians live under the heresy that we can be religious in isolation and since faith saves us, nothing else is required. Nothing could be farther from the truth. "Sacred covenants...make us all less free—at least when freedom is narrowly and selfishly defined. We don't have the luxury of pretending that we can live and act in isolation from one another" (Meyers). We don't have the luxury of pretending all is well behind our closed doors, well fed, lounging in front of the TV with our blinders on. Being a Christian is hard work, or at least it should be.

Meyers tells the story of an intelligent, well informed man who came to his church. He knew theology and church doctrine better than anyone, so Meyers was surprised when he came to him one day and informed him he would not be joining the church. "I'm a military man," he said, "and I know how to take orders. Therefore, my level of understanding is not an advantage. It might even be grounds for a court martial." He hesitated, but then made it clear. "Reverend, I get it. I just can't do it."

Pioneer Club



Pioneer Club November Schedule

Unit Two: Getting Along With Others

- Nov 2: Meeting 2 Serving Others
Activity: Cooking
- Nov 9: Meeting 3 Fighting Prejudice
Activity: Missions
- Nov 16: Meeting 4 When We Do Wrong
Activity: Game Night:
**WEAR YOUR SNEAKERS
AWARD NIGHT!**
- Nov 23: **NO CLUB** Happy Thanksgiving !!!

Unit Three: Accepting God's Love

- Nov 30: Meeting 1 Love No Matter What
Activity: Let's Communicate

We're looking forward to another full year of friends, fun, Jesus and activities. Any child grades 1-5 may join at anytime. We meet in Fellowship Hall most Wednesdays throughout the school year, from 6:30-8:00pm. See Shauna Dowdrick for more information, or contact her at 838-4721 x115 or Shauna@gravelhillumc.com

Pee-Wee Pioneers

Madeline Wadel
Rachel Bardsley
Isaac Landis
Hannah McElroy
Elias Rose
Gabby Beltz
Aleena Brown

Trailblazers

Deion Gleed
Hunter Dowdrick
Alexiana Firestone
Makayla Diaz
Dylan Fausey
Mikayla Kupstas
Zachary Landis
Trevor Rettew
Brooklynne Beltz
Desiree Brown
Alex Malloy

Pathfinders

Emalie Brown
Roman Byler
Brandon Gleed
Braden Landis
Madison Boltz
Ben McElroy
Justin Plummer
Devin Richard
Emmanuel Rose
Tanner Rettew
Brock Beltz
Devin Brown

Great Job PC Kids.
Keep up the awesome work! We have a long way to go this year, but we will have loads of fun doing it!

Book Reviews

Listed below are three book reviews from the church library, is located in the Heritage Room on the lower level. One review is from the children's section, one is from the teen's section and one is from the adult section of the library.

A Fruitcake Christmas by Max Lucado

Hermie and his friends are looking forward to their favorite part of the holiday—eating Grannypillar's scrumptious fruitcake. When the fruitcake disappears and everyone suspects Iggy and Ziggy Cockroach, the greediest bugs in the garden, it takes the young Ladybug twins to show the others that the celebration of Christmas is not about fruitcake, but about God's gift to save us all through his Son Jesus.

Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back. *Heaven is for Real* will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

Right From Wrong by Josh McDowell and Bob Hostetler

The headlines scream daily of classroom violence, children selling drugs, gang killings, and rampant teenage sex—the natural behavior of a generation that has lost its belief in objective right and wrong. To them, truth is a matter of taste; morality of individual preference. And these are not just the kids across the street; they are the young people in our own churches—in our own families. Church leaders and parents are painfully aware that their kids are veering away from biblical values at an alarming rate. Josh McDowell's new, extensive study of evangelical church youth shows that 57 percent cannot affirm that an objective standard for right and wrong even exists. In *Right From Wrong* Josh McDowell along with Bob Hostetler provide the tools to reverse this alarming decline. In vintage McDowell fashion, this book provides families and the church with a "truth apologetic"—a defense of truth that will enable adults to equip their youth with the ability to resist the erosion of their values and determine what is right from wrong. *Right From Wrong* offers not a quick fix, but a thorough, biblical and practical blueprint for understanding moral absolutes and passing on core values to the next generation.

Happy Reading from the Church Librarians, Gwen Campbell, Michelle Ault, Kristen Ault, and Janell Ault!

(Pastor's Pen...
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My dad still believes this. He still lives it. You will not find him in a group of grumblers. You will not hear his voice connected to thankless words or negative thoughts. He lives his life and plants his garden out of the same understanding that each day and each piece of produce is a pure gift. This basic relationship to God causes him to live a generous, thankful existence before God . . . always.

Rev. Douglas Smith

Bazaar Calendar - November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sign Up Sheets at Welcome Center To Order Soup and to Volunteer in all Areas</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>8:30 am - Until? Set up Family Center Afternoon Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>
<p>6 Sign Up Sheets at Welcome Center To Order Soup and to Volunteer in all Areas</p>	<p>7 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>8 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>9 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>10 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>11 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>12 9 - 11 am Pull meat and make soup Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>
<p>13 Final Soup Orders Due Sign Up Sheets at Welcome Center to Volunteer in all Areas Sunday Morning Soup Pickup</p>	<p>14 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing Drop off donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>15 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing FINAL Drop off Clothing and White Elephant donations (Bring your church key fob)</p>	<p>16 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing 7:30 PM - ??? Set up lobby & Holy Grounds area Make soup 5:00 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 5:00 - 7:00 PM Soup Pickup in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17 9 am - 2 pm 6 pm - 8 pm Help set up White Elephant & Clothing 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 5:00 - 7:00 PM Soup Pickup in Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Craft Drop off After 6 pm Baked Goods Drop Off</p>	<p>18 9 am - 2:00 pm Craft Drop Off Baked Goods Drop Off by 7:30 PM Make soup - 5:00 PM Basket Wrapping and Pricing - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>19 29th ANNUAL BAZAAR 7 am - 1 pm Breakfast for volunteers 6:00-7:00 AM Volunteers needed before, during, and after (Please park across the street or at North Londonderry Twp. building, or carpool if possible)</p>

Shuttle Schedule - Shuttle will run from North Londonderry Township Building for volunteers. It will leave Township Building beginning at 6:00 AM - will make trips on the 1/2 hour as needed.

29TH ANNUAL BAZAAR

Additional Information

Charities -- The charities are the reasons that we all come together and make this event happen. This year they are:

Ronald McDonald House
Lebanon County Hospice

Agape Family Shelter
Lebanon County Habitat for Humanity

Phoenix Youth Center

Crafts -- We are hoping for LOTS of crafts this year. **If each person made just one craft item, think how many we would have????**

Gift Baskets -- This year we would like to have more "themed" baskets, so we are asking for donations of complete baskets instead of miscellaneous individual items. We will be providing empty baskets and theme suggestions in the church lobby starting mid-October. Please remember that all items in the baskets **MUST BE NEW**. Tip: Cellophane bags are available at Dollar Tree, these making wrapping very easy and much more eye appealing than rolls of cellophane.

Soup -- Take out Soup will be \$5 per quart and will be available for pickup on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening (see calendar for pickup times) as well as during the Bazaar. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center. The last day to pre-order is Sunday, November 13.

Food Donations -- Tags will once again be placed on the trees in the lobby. Please pull a tag, buy the item(s) listed, and return them, along with the tag, to the table located in Fellowship Hall. For planning purposes, we ask that all donations be at the church by **Sunday, November 13**. Some items, such as rolls, need to be fresh. **Please be conscious of expiration dates.** THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

White Elephant & Clothing Donations -- Donations will be accepted from the afternoon of November 5 thru November 15. Please make sure all items are good, clean, reusable items. **We CANNOT ACCEPT any of the following items:**

PAINT SUITCASES FLOOD DAMAGED ITEMS ENCYCLOPEDIA SETS CAR SEATS TRAVERSE CURTAIN RODS
ITEMS CONTAINING FUEL COMPUTERS SOFAS/LARGE FURNITURE TV'S MINI-BLINDS TIRES

Baked Goods Donations -- Lots of baked goods are needed both to sell at the baked goods table and provide dessert for Saturday's meals. Please get out your favorite recipe and sign up at the table in the lobby.

Volunteers -- It takes **MANY WILLING HANDS** to make this event a **SUCCESS**. Please consider when and where you would be available to help. This is a great opportunity for parents and older children to come work together! Signup sheets will be at the Welcome Center or see one of the people listed below.

Questions -- If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the following people.

Sandy Fausey 838-3845 OR Megan Ballard 608-7712

BAZAAR GIFT BASKET IDEAS

Just a few things to remember:

*All items in the baskets **MUST BE NEW**. Last year, many commented that they appreciated the themed baskets where all items related to a central theme. These are often purchased to be given as Christmas gifts. Baskets are available at the church.

*If putting food items in your basket, please be conscious of expiration dates.

Please include a list of the items that can be found in the basket.

PETS – toys, treats, leash, collar, shampoo, food/water bowls

PASTA – colander, spaghetti spoon, pasta, sauce, canned parmesan cheese

CHILDREN – books, stuffed animals, games, dolls, matchbox cars, activity or coloring books, crayons

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – book bag, notebooks, pens, pencils, scissors, ruler, glue stick

FAMILY NIGHT – games, movies, popcorn, snacks, popcorn bowls

BATH AND BODY – body wash, bubble bath, lotions, sponges, manicure or pedicure items, nail polish, candle

TRAVEL – travel games, emergency kit, jumper cables, travel mug, water bottle, blanket

BABY – bib, bottles, receiving blanket, stuffed animal, pacifier, diapers, lotion, powder, wipes

GARDENING – garden gloves, garden tools, plant food, seeds, flower pot, watering can

FIX-IT – hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, wire cutter, tape measure, paint brush, work gloves, duct tape, tool belt

CAR WASH – bucket, sponge, car wash, tire cleaner, scrub brush, window cleaner, air freshener

COOKING/BAKING – baking dish, mixing bowl, measuring cups/spoons, kitchen utensils, cutting board, recipe book, baking mixes

TEA/COFFEE – mug, flavored coffee or tea, chai mix, creamer, sweetener

PICNIC – tablecloth, plates, cups, silverware, salt/pepper shaker, picnic basket

PACK YOUR LUNCH – lunch bag, plastic containers, silverware, water bottle, small ice pack

SHUT IN – Devotional or activity book, note cards, paper, pen, address book, postage stamps

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GRAVEL HILL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19, from 7am-1pm

Breakfast starts at 7am, with
Lunch to follow!

Soup, Sandwiches, Cake,
Cookies, Munchies, Dog Treats,
and much more!

Sale starts at 7am

White Elephant
Clothing and Shoes,
Bags and Purses

White Elephant

Gift Baskets

Get Your Picture Taken with SANTA

Baked Items

Kids' Crafts

Handmade Crafts

White Elephant Discounts Start at 11am

All Money Goes to Local Missions and Charities