

## May calendar

**Wednesday, May 6** ~ Last night of regular Wednesday Connection activities including dinner, Kids and Kinder Connections, child care, most small groups

**Saturday, May 9** ~ In Defense of Creation Gathering with Bishop Jane Allen Middleton, open to all, 9-12 in Wesley Center

**Sunday, May 10** ~ Mother's Day

**Thursday, May 14** ~ Hannah Circle, meet here at 5:15 to carpool to Morris Medley

**Sunday, May 17** ~ New Member and Confirmand Sunday. See front page for schedule of services.

**Sunday, May 17** ~ CHUMC Handbell Choir Concert, 6:30

**Monday, May 25** ~ Memorial Day Holiday, church and office closed

**Friday, May 29-Sunday, May 31** ~ Young Adult Retreat at Mt. Asbury

**Sunday, May 31** ~ Retirement Celebration for Dr. Marlin Snider, 4:00

### Coming in June

**Sunday, June 7** ~ Farewell Gathering for Pastor Denny and Betsy Keller, 4:30

**Sunday, June 21-Thursday, June 26** ~ Vacation Bible School

### Please ... Help us be good stewards!

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## Camp Hill United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Dennis R. Keller, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Brian C. Sweeney, *Associate Pastor*

### Schedule of Sunday Worship

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Celebration Services in the Sanctuary  
NewLife Services in the Wesley Center

Sunday School at 9:30

Children's Worship at 11:00

Youth Activities - Sunday Evenings

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Normal Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00noon

# CHUMconnection

## Camp Hill United Methodist Church

May 2009

### Pastor's Notes

CHUM continues to be a sending congregation. Last year, Mike Barnes was sent from CHUM to serve as pastor of St. Paul's UM Church, Wormleysburg. This year, we are sending another from our church, Mary Holland. Mary came to our church as part of her field education program at Palmer Theological Seminary. After two years of active involvement as a member of CHUM, in January, the New Cumberland District Committee on Ordained Ministry approved Mary as a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry. Beginning July 1, 2009, Mary will be appointed to serve as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg. We send Mary forth with our prayers and support as she responds to God's call...

### Following the Will of God

As a hospital chaplain, I have been asked many times how we know what God wants us to do with our lives. Usually the presenting question or concern is that the patient is worried that they are not doing that particular, specific job that God has set aside just for them. The good news I share with patients is that it doesn't take rocket science to figure out what God wants us to do. We have somehow made knowing the will of God a complex process. We seem to set our children up at a young age to choose that one vocation to have with our "What do you want to be when you grow up?" question. And then as young adults, not finding their niche in this world, they worry that they will not be pleasing God with that one "correct" job - as if there is only one magically occupation or vocation God has marked us with when we are born into this world. We forget that God is looking for a continuing relationship with us, and that we are invited to love God with our body, mind and spirit and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This commandment is our highest calling, and how that is fleshed out is the challenging yet inspiring aspect of our walk with God.

When I was in eleventh grade I had somewhat of a Samuel/Peter calling. In the middle of the night I heard God's voice asking me if I loved him. When I said yes, God invited me to "feed his sheep" - to be a pastor of a church. Since women weren't being ordained or pastoring churches when I was young, I spent the next 30 some years learning other ways to walk with God, taking the steps I felt God was calling me to. Each step along my journey I, in consultation with God and trusted Christian friends, patiently took the steps in front of me that seemed to resonate with the above commandment. I practiced spiritual disciplines. As a young mother with two children, my greatest joy was to stay home with my children, providing them the love and nurture they needed. Later on while they were in school I reached out to our foreign neighbors and helped them acclimate to our culture by teaching them English.

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*"We serve as God's connection  
with people in making disciples  
of Jesus Christ."*

## Sunday Worship

**Sunday Mornings 9:30 and 11:00**

### May 3 ~ Holy Communion

Pastor Dennis Keller in Celebration

Pastor Brian Sweeney in NewLife

### May 10 ~ Mother's Day

Pastor Stephen Gallaher in Celebration

Pastor Brian Sweeney in NewLife

### May 17 ~ Reception of New Members and Confirmands

9:30 Worship will be in Wesley Center ONLY

Reception of 2009 Confirmation Class

Youth Ministry Director Drew Robeson

11:00 Worship will be in the Sanctuary ONLY

Pastor Jack Grove

### May 24

Dr. Dilip Abayasekara in Celebration

Pastor Dennis Keller in NewLife

### May 31 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Dennis Keller in Celebration

with special music by the Sanctuary Choir

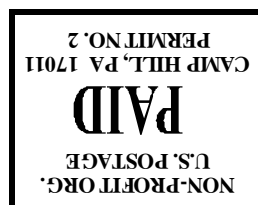
Pastor Mary Holland in NewLife

**Please note:** On May 17 we will welcome new members and 2009 confirmands. We will have one service only at 9:30 (in Wesley Center with the confirmation class) and one service only at 11:00 (in the sanctuary with the new members). Please join us for these very special worship services.

*"Rooted in Jesus Christ...Relating with Each Other...Reaching into the World"*

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CHUMconnection



## ... AROUND CHUM ... AROUND CHUM ... AROUND CHUM ... AROUND CHUM...

**Don't see a particular ministry area listed below? Check elsewhere in the newsletter. If you still can't find what you're looking for, let us know and we'll try to include it in a future issue.**

**Adult Spiritual Growth** ~ As Spring brings us warmer weather, rain showers, beautiful flowers, and amazing shades of green, it also brings us to the end of our Wednesday Connection gatherings. Coming around the table to share a meal with old friends and new friends is always something I look forward to. Hearing people talk about the classes they are taking and the relationships created is what it is all about. This year George and Suella Barto led a class on the Old and the New Testaments at 3:00. It proved to be a good time for many of our CHUM family who don't like to go out at night or have other responsibilities. Thank you, George and Suella, and we hope you will consider leading again in the Fall. I would also like to thank all the other leaders who are so faithful to their Wednesday evening classes. And to everyone else who leads throughout the week, I can't thank you enough for your commitment to the adult spiritual growth here at CHUM. Some of the study groups will continue to meet over the summer so please check the bulletin and the display in the lobby for more information. I hope you all are renewed with the change of seasons and stay connected throughout the busy spring and relaxing summer. *Sandy Zirbel, szirbel@camphillumc.org*

New offerings:

### "Authentic Living in Christ, According To Paul"

Starting with the book of Galatians, this group's primary focus will be on the Apostle Paul's letters. The study is open to all men and will meet in room 2 on the lower level alternating Sundays @12:15 (beginning 4/19) and Mondays @7:30pm (beginning 4/13).

### "The Greatest Counselor in the World" by Lloyd John Oglivie

It's been two years since we've taken a close look at the ministry of that third Member of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit. Join us on June 17, 24 and July 1 as we study the Greatest Counselor in the World. We'll cover some of the following: the Holy Spirit is always available. He loves you no matter what, he never makes a mistake, and he can help you change! If you are troubled by mistakes and griefs from your past (and who isn't?) we'll find the Holy Spirit helps

us to "forget what lies behind and press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high call of God in Christ Jesus". Led by Caroyl Pettis

**Facilities** ~ During late March and April the facility staff installed air conditioners in the Brides Room and Room 7, completed the door handle replacements, did "spring cleanup" work throughout and around the building, and continued landscaping work at the parsonage. During early April we had a new compressor installed in the Wesley Center kitchen icemaker and also had to repair the icemaker in the downstairs kitchen.

**Scrip** ~ In just a few short weeks, Mother's Day, then graduation season will be here. Father's Day is right on the heels of those. It may seem a little early, but now is a great time to plan for these three gift-buying events - and we have you covered at CHUM Scrip. CHUM Scrip can be used in a variety of unique ways. Customers have used scrip cards for their purchases while on vacation at Walt Disney World, a family outing to Hershey Park or even hotel and air travel. It would also be great to use for upcoming gift giving at weddings, graduations and Mother's and Father's Day. The possibilities are truly endless. Keep your eyes open for special notices in the bulletin regarding bonus discounts being offered by many merchants. If you have not tried CHUM Scrip, please stop by the table in the upper lobby between services to get started. "CHUM Scrip" is just a clever name for everyday merchant gift cards. You purchase the cards at face value and use them just like cash, or they make great gifts. The merchants have generously offered these cards to CHUM at a reduced rate. By using CHUM Scrip, the purchase you were going to make anyway includes a donation to CHUM, with no extra funds out of your pocket. We always have gift cards from 15+ merchants in stock for immediate pickup, and are able to order 100's of others. Please feel free to stop by and talk with us on Sunday, or give us a call if you have any questions. Proceeds from the Scrip program pay half the cost of sending CHUM's children and youth to Conference and Salt 'n Light summer camps! *Thank you, Rose and Spencer Stevens, 303-0294*

**Trustees** ~ In March we discovered cracks in and other problems with the church boiler. Our

maintenance company made temporary repairs and presented two options for permanent work: repair the 30+ year-old boiler or replace it. The additional expense of a replacement system will be recovered in 3-4 years by increased efficiency and decreased fuel expense. Also, since we made other repairs on the existing boiler in 2006, it is likely that the current repairs may not be the last. While we had not anticipated the expense of a new boiler system at this time, the Board agreed that replacement was the most prudent action. Members voted to approve the work, which should take place in early summer. We will work to arrange the financing and will update you on this as soon as we can. We have completed the paperwork to participate in an electric power buying pool through the West Shore Chamber of Commerce. We anticipate that this will reduce the impact of the 2010 rate cap removal by about half (from an increase of \$.02 per kwh to \$.01) on our use of approximately 360,000 kwh per year. And we are working with UGI and natural gas suppliers to lower this expense as well.

**Youth Ministry** ~ God is Good, All the time. We successfully hosted a youth ministry conference by Youth Specialties on Saturday April 4th. I am extremely grateful to the Iordidos, Gallaghers, Fishers and Mooneys for their service during this conference with almost 200 in attendance. It was a great success thanks to these families. Also on Palm Sunday the youth had the great opportunity to serve and participate in communion during the NewLife services. We are very grateful for this opportunity. We studied the meaning of communion before we served it and took some time to be reflective as we confessed our sins to God. The youth had another great opportunity to serve during the Maundy Thursday service in NewLife. We participated in a drama which re-told the story of the Last Supper from the point of view of each of the 12 disciples. I am extremely proud of these youth who practiced hard to give their monologues to the congregation for the glory of God! Also our youth helped lead the new Easter Experience here at CHUM put on by the Children's Ministry. I am so thankful to these 14 people who helped make this Easter memorable and spiritual for our CHUM Children. Finally, we had our Confirmation Day Apart where Pastor Stephen leads a wonderful day in Fulton County in the woods. We had a blast, hiked

long and hard, strengthened and built relationships, were challenged and brought glory to Jesus. These students will be officially confirmed on May 17th at 9:30am; please come support them in NewLife. I wish the timing worked out so that I could encourage you with details from our 30-Hour Famine, but alas, our youth will be starving themselves April 24-25th which is only days away from me writing this. Thanks for the support! *Drew Robeson, andrew\_robeson@yahoo.com or 919-8303.*

**CHUMC Preschool News:** The preschool has been taking registrations for the fall, and there have been so many families interested in sending their child(ren) to us that we have decided to open a new four-year old class. We are looking for a lead teacher for the class which will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30am-noon. A lead teacher needs to have an Elementary Education or related degree. If you or someone you know is interested, please give Georgia Reisinger a call at the preschool (737-0262)

**E-mail Connections** ~ We are developing the church's e-mail distribution list to improve our ability to communicate in a more timely, cost-efficient, environmentally-friendly way. Participation is entirely voluntary. If you would like to receive your CHUM Connection and/or other communications (deaths, births, special event reminders) from Camp Hill UMC electronically please send an e-mail to me at spigott@camphillumc. Please let me know if you want e-mail delivery of the newsletter or special information/reminders, or both. Thank you, Susan Pigott.

**God's Garden Columbarium** ~ Niches in the expansion area of the CHUM Columbarium are now available for purchase. Until June 30, 2009, the cost of each niche will be \$750. After that time the cost will rise to \$850 per niche. Proceeds will be used to repay the approximately \$65,000 cost of the construction, the interest on the funds and the cost of landscaping and maintenance. A portion is also set aside in the Columbarium Fund for perpetual maintenance. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or niches or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jon Uhlinger, Director of Caring Ministry.

## CHUM Children

### Thank You

CHUMChildren has truly been blessed with an incredible team of gardeners! God continues to teach me more about his provision through each and every individual who gives of their time and heart to serve the families of CHUMC. As we wrap up yet another wonderful season in the garden and transition into Summer, please know how appreciated each and every one of you are! It truly is a joy to serve "growing children's hearts for God" with you. May God continually bless you and your families for serving. I also want to express a very big thank you to Drew and his great crew of youth and all others who lent a helping hand for an incredible Easter Experience. The day was a beautiful portrayal of the body of Christ working together and families living out faith@home right before our very eyes! God is good.

### Mother's Day

Families, join the CHUMChildren team and kids in the NewLife Worship Services on Mother's Day morning for a family worship experience like you have never experienced before! Together, we'll focus on the virtue of service through a lively, engaging service for all ages, honoring our Mothers for all of the ways that they selflessly serve and even presenting families with a tangible way that they can serve together. **\*Parents, please bring your child into the New Life Worship service with you. Pre-school aged children should remain seated with you. Kindergarten-5th Graders can join their peers and gardeners to sit up close in front of the stage. Nursery care and 2-year-old room will still be open and available.**

### Vacation Bible School



Join us June 21 - 25, 6:00-8:15 for an action packed week of **Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere!** Online Registration for participants (VBS is open to children age 4 by July 2009 - completed 5th grade) and volunteers is now open. Visit <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/chumchildren/ce/> to register today or visit the table in the lobby for a paper registration. Also, donation trees for needed snack supplies and material will be up soon - thank you in advance for blessing our VBS week. Invite a friend and gear up for an extreme adventure week of experiencing God!



## Camp Hill United Methodist Church Handbell Choir Concert

May 17 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening of delightful handbell music. This year's selections cover a large span of music history from the Renaissance to the "extreme" present day: 2009!

*Junior Youth Bells ~ Youth Bells  
Celebration Ringers  
Bells of Praise ~ Chancel Bells*

Nancy H. Reitzel, Youth Handbell Choir Director  
Janis Martinez, Adult Handbell Choir Director

## In Defense of Creation

All members of the CHUMC family are invited to join in this important conversation around war and peace, ecological degradation, and global poverty and disease. Saturday, May 9, from 9 to noon in Wesley Center. Bishop Jane Allen Middleton will lead a panel discussion on these vital topics and the role of the United Methodist Church. Panelists include Rev. Dr. Lew Parks (Wesley Theological Seminary), Joy Bergey (Pa Interfaith Climate Change Campaign), Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hartley (Palmer Theological Seminary), and Pat Callbeck Harper (UM Council of Bishops' Task Force on In Defense of Creation).

The historic United Methodist Bishops' document "In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace" was released in 1986 after two years of study. In the pastoral letter that accompanied the document, the bishops declared "a clear and unconditional" no to any use of nuclear weapons. The original "In Defense of Creation" was intended as both a pastoral and prophetic word presented as a basic resource guide to lead in study, prayer and action.

The Council of Bishops' task force was formed at the direction of the 2004 General Conference, the denomination's highest policy-making body, to revise and update the 1986 document for the new millennium. Bishop Middleton is gathering feedback from sessions such as the one at CHUMC to take to the Council of Bishops to provide input for a new pastoral letter and foundation document.

No registration is needed for the event. We hope you will attend.

*All members of the CHUMC family are invited* to a Service of Farewell and a Celebration of Retirement for the Rev. Dr. Marlin Snider on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please join other members of the Central Pa Conference as we celebrate Dr. Snider's ministry and express love and prayers to him and Brenda as they move into a new season in their lives. Special gifts, if you wish, can be made to "Season of Miracles" Capital Campaign for Mission Central in honor of Marlin and Brenda. Please send gifts to the Conference Finance Office, P O Box 2053, Mechanicsburg PA 17055-2053 designating them in honor of the Sniders or put in the CHUMC offering plate and we will send on to the Conference office for you.

## Adult Retreat Opportunities

Described below are adult retreat opportunities that will be held in the new lodge at Mount Asbury. Brochures, which include the registration form, may be downloaded from the camping website. From the home page, the brochures are listed under the Mount Asbury link. Register online at [www.cpcumcamps.org](http://www.cpcumcamps.org) or mail your registration form to the camping office.

### SEEING GOD AT EYE LEVEL

**June 15-17, Start time: 4 p.m. and End time: Wednesday lunch**

In this retreat our time together will not be about improving our photographic skills, but using photography as a way of seeing the world in different light. Photography can call us to a deeper intimacy with God's creation. It can become a spiritual practice as we learn to slow down and stop, to pay attention, to be patient, to focus our eyes on the world in a new way. Photography as a spiritual practice is about the present moment, balance, finding oneness with all creatures, with life, with scenery, and with God.

This retreat is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to connect photography with your spiritual life. Cameras are not required, but will enhance the experience.

### PATHS TO PRAYER, June 25-27

**Start time: Thursday at 4 p.m. and End time: Saturday at lunch**

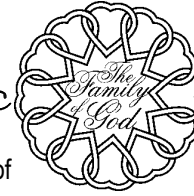
Paths to Prayer offers a whole-person approach to prayer that takes into account each person's individuality and doesn't assume we all relate to God in the same way. In this retreat you will come to learn new ways of prayer for your own spiritual life and leave prepared to teach your congregation a multitude of ways that they too can expand their communication with God.

During the retreat among the prayer practices you'll encounter are: the daily office, lectio divina, centering prayer, fasting, prayer beads, walking a labyrinth, praying the scriptures, and many others.

## Since our last issue

We welcomed into the CHUMC family:

**Sophie Claire Bock**, the first grandchild of Larry and Donna Bock, born March 31 in Orlando.



We extended our prayers, love and sympathy to the following people, their families and friends:

**Phyllis Eckstine**, whose brother, Robert H. Zeigler, died on April 3 in Pottsville, Pa.

**Hope Coombs**, on the death of her grandfather, Stanley M. "Pap" Roush in Liverpool, Pa. on April 7.

**Shirley Grove, Rafe' Shearer, Kelley Calaman, Kandace Krebs and Heidi McDonald.** Marjorie Krebs, Shirley's mother and grandmother of Rafe', Kelley, Kandace and Heidi died on April 10 at age 92.

We continue to remember in special prayer all those serving abroad and their families, including:

Grandson of Steve and Judy Kocher  
**Spec. Ross Kocher**, Pa National Guard

Father of Hannah and Kate Jones,  
**Jim Jones**, Pa Army National Guard

CHUM member,  
**Doug Frantz**, Pa National Guard

We give thanks for the safe return of so many with connections to our CHUMC family. If you know of others who are serving abroad, please let us know. We would like to include them on our prayer lists.



**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!**

Pastor Denny and Betsy Keller's

Farewell Celebration

June 7, 2009

4:30-8:30pm.

Registration forms and information available at the Welcome Center and church office.

Deadline for reservations is May 11. Thank you.

*June CHUM  
Connection Deadline  
is May 20.*

## New Member News

### Sunday, May 17th - Reception of New Members:

Graduates of the 2009 Confirmation Class at 9:30 AM in the Wesley Center and Graduates of the Spring Walking With God (WWG) Classes at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

At 9:30 on May 17 in the Wesley Center, we will receive 16 new confirmands into the membership of Camp Hill United Methodist Church. Youth Director Drew Robeson will bring the message of the morning. ***This special service in Wesley Center will be the only worship service at 9:30.***

At 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary, we will receive 27 persons into the membership of CHUM. These new members will have completed the Spring Walking with God (WWG) classes. Pastor of Servant Ministry, the Rev. Dr. Jack Grove, will bring the message of the morning. ***This special service in the Sanctuary will be the only worship service at 11:00.***

### Summer 2009 Classes for Prospective Members Walking With God (WWG)

We will once again offer classes this summer for prospective members of Camp Hill United Methodist Church. We call these classes Walking with God (WWG), and, as was the case last summer, we are offering these summer classes for those who find it impossible to attend the spring or fall sessions. The instructor will be the Rev. Dr. Jack Grove, who is CHUMC's Pastor of Servant Ministry.

We will offer two identical sessions. Each session will include two Saturday morning classes, 9:00 AM to noon, and two Sunday morning sessions, 10:45 AM to noon. All of the classes will be held in the church Fellowship Hall, which is underneath the Sanctuary. Session #1 will include the following classes and dates: Class 1 - Saturday, June 27; Class 2 - Sunday, June 28; Class 3 - Saturday, July 11; Class 4 - Sunday, July 12. Session #2 will include the following classes and dates: Class 1 - Saturday, July 18; Class 2 - Sunday, July 19; Class 3 - Saturday, July 25; Class 4 - Sunday, July 26.

All WWG students are asked to attend all of the four classes, chosen interchangeably from either of the sessions throughout the summer. We simply require that by Sunday, July 26, each student will have attended classes 1 through 4 sometime during the summer months.

If interested, please contact Pastor Jack in one of the following ways: home phone - 717-691-4796; church phone - 717-737-5631x232; email - [grove\\_342@comcast.net](mailto:grove_342@comcast.net) [Please note that there is an underline ( ) between "grove" & "342".]

*Pipe Organ Challenge update* ~ So far since January 1 we've received gifts totaling more than \$29,000, so we have almost met the challenge of raising \$30,000 by June 30. This amount will be matched by one of our members and will be combined with earlier (and later) gifts to go toward the \$130,000 cost of enhancements to our sanctuary pipe organ. Approximately the same amount has been budgeted by the church trustees during 2009-2010 for the maintenance portion of the organ project. Please support this effort to preserve and enhance the pipe organ that plays such an important role in our sanctuary worship services and other church events and family occasions. If you want to honor someone with a special gift, brochures are available at the information centers or you can call the office. Thank you!

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Servant Ministry, ext. 232

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## Important Reminder

Please be careful driving around the building. It's that time of year again, and the parking lots are full of parents, students, baseball, soccer and tennis players, skateboarders, pre-schoolers and day care students and teachers out enjoying the weather. Please drive slowly and observe all stop signs.

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## Pastor's Notes Continued

I took classes in a local seminary near our home because I felt drawn to learn more about the Bible and how to provide spiritual formation to families in the church. All along the way God's Spirit was nudging me toward ordained ministry.

Space does not allow me to share the many details, but answering or walking in the vocation God has for us involves having a dynamic relationship with God. Theologian Frederick Buechner has written that we can discern God's call for our lives by noting where our greatest joy meets the world's greatest need. This advice, along with following God's greatest commandment, will help you as it has helped me in knowing God's will for your life.

Mary Holland

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## Men's Ministry

**Wednesday Night Men's Study** at 6:30 in Room 117. We are doing a study on the Apostle Peter titled "*Peter: The Making of a Disciple*". Meet an impetuous fisherman who fell for the Lord following his transformation from an inexperienced follower into a mature disciple. Contact Ron Gallagher at 480-3208 or ummatchum@gmail.com

**Join the men of CHUM for a new Bible study titled:** "Authentic Living in Christ, According To Paul". Starting with the book of Galatians, the study will primarily focus on the apostle Paul's letters. The group meets in room 2 on the lower level alternating Sundays at 12:15 and Mondays at 7:30pm. Please check the bulletin or the website for meeting dates. Contact Fred Clark with any questions.

**Christian Authenticity #2 - Dr. Ed Zeiders**  
**CHUM Men's Night Out & Men's Retreat Reunion**  
Look for details soon!

All CHUM men are invited to be a part of *Christian Authenticity #2*, led by Dr. Ed Zeiders, the speaker at our March 2009 Men's Retreat. Dr. Ed will take us even deeper into a Biblical understanding of what it means to live an authentic Christian life, continuing with the theme that was the focus of our March Retreat. Whether you attended the retreat or not, you will enjoy this gathering.

Looking ahead: Our **2010 Men's Retreat** will be **March 19-21**, once again at Mt. Asbury. Men - put it on your calendar!

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**Young Adult Retreat** ~ Have you ever wondered why God put you on this earth right now, in this place? Do you feel like this time in your life is a journey, but for what and to where? You aren't alone! As young adults, we seem to be questioning, now more than ever: What am I here for? What is my purpose? What am I passionate about? Where does God fit into my life?" If you are between 18 (graduated from High School) and thirty something, please consider joining us for our first Young Adult retreat Friday May 29-Sunday May 31 at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center. Cost will be approximately \$60; scholarship help may be available. For more information, contact Sara Bupp at saraeb1271@aol.com.

**Attention Cyclists!** I am putting together a list of people who would be interested in getting together Saturday mornings for a 20 or so mile ride for some exercise and fellowship. If you are interested in something like this, please contact me (Barry Iorfido) by email at biorfido@yahoo.com or phone 938-6037 so I can get you on the list.

## Reaching Into the World

*Please take advantage of these easy local opportunities to "serve as God's connection with people."*

**Walk for a Healthy Community** will be held on Saturday, May 30th on City Island. Sponsored by Highmark Blue Shield this walk will benefit 29 charitable healthcare organizations. Sponsor forms are available at the Missions table in the Gathering Space. Be a CHUM walker for a worthy cause.

**Ecumenical Food Pantry** ~ This month, our focus items are canned tomatoes - whole, diced, crushed, etc. Of course, any nonperishable food item or monetary donation is always welcome. Thanks for your continued support of this very needed and worthwhile cause. Ernie & Martha Speck, 766-4922.

Check the Missions Table in the Gathering Space for information about these serving opportunities:

**Helping Hands Ministries** - Prepare and/or help serve meals

**Bethesda Mobile Mission** - Distribute food, clothing, blankets and fellowship to those in need

**Spring into action for others!** Volunteers of America seeks donations of clothing, household items and furniture for their Thrift Store on the Carlisle Pike. As you do your spring cleaning please consider this cause for your items in good condition and working order! For home pick up of larger items call 766-2999.

**Urban Work Camp** ~ Join with others in our conference to serve the needy in our community. Team members are needed for July 12-17 and August 2-7, 2009 to help in home repair projects. CHUM small groups, circles, studies and classes are invited to consider providing a meal or snack for the workers. Please check the Mission table for team member applications and sign up for meals or go to CHUM website [www.camphillumc.org](http://www.camphillumc.org)

**Malaria kills one child every 30 seconds.** The UMC is a charter member of the Nothing But Nets campaign to distribute life-saving bed nets to the nations of Africa where 90% of all malaria deaths occur. These simple items can cut the spread of malaria in half! \$10 buys a long-lasting treated mosquito bed net, distributes it to a family in Africa and explains its use. For more information or to give a net, go to [www.nothingbutnets.org](http://www.nothingbutnets.org) or designate a gift in your offering and CHUMC will submit it for you. Thank you!

### Updates & Thank You!

**Great Big Food Drive 2009** - Praise God! Because of your generosity we collected over 260 bags of food donations and \$385 for the hungry who come to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Your compassion and concern for those less fortunate was outstanding. **Well done CHUM!** Because the need is constant we will resume our **monthly focus item** this month with **canned tomatoes - whole, diced, crushed, etc.** Of course, any nonperishable food item or monetary donation is always welcome. Thanks for your continued support of this very needed and worthwhile cause. *Ernie & Martha Speck*

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering to date totals \$577. Thank you!

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## CHUMC Women

**The last meeting for Hannah Circle** for this year will be Thursday, May 14. We will meet at the church at 5:15 pm and car pool to Morris Medley where Ann Morris Markley will talk to us about her beautiful homestead, labyrinth, and butterfly house that makes up this peaceful oasis in the middle of a chaotic world. We will each bring our own picnic dinner and drinks will be provided. Please call Barb Kosloski at 697-6582 or email her at [bkos8216@yahoo.com](mailto:bkos8216@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend. Reservations are needed by Thursday, May 7. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**Other Side" Support Ministry** ~ If you are a woman of any age who is experiencing hurt resulting from a past experience such as: childhood abuse (physical, sexual, emotional) death of a loved one, an eating disorder, infertility, low self-esteem, depression, unplanned pregnancy, divorce, 2nd marriage problems, dating or spousal abuse, problems with children, etc., our "Other Side" support ministry, made up of CHUM women who have experienced these very things first-hand, would like to help. Our volunteers are not counselors but are in the unique position of being able to truly understand, are able to provide a listening ear, and desire to assist you in the healing process. For information, please contact Julie Vallati at (717)731-0537. More Info at the Fireside Room Information Desk.