



Church Talk

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church is a community of Christian disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to sharing our love for God through Worship, Prayer, Fellowship, Education and Service as we minister to the church, the community and the world.

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Last Church Talk

After many years of communicating through a monthly newsletter, Mifflin Avenue's church council voted last month to cease mailing *Church Talk* in favor of alternate forms of communication.

Updated announcement sheets are available in worship every Sunday. For those unable to attend worship who would like print copies of the bulletins and/or announcements, simply contact the church office and request to have them mailed to you.

For those who prefer to use the internet, all announcements will be posted on our website, www.mifflinave.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Upcoming meetings will be printed in the weekly announcements and posted on the website calendar. Also, reminders for meetings and other church responsibilities (liturgists, acolytes, etc) will be communicated via e-mail and phone.

As people continue to change the way they communicate with one another, the church must also adapt to those changes. Two millennia ago, scrolls were sent by messengers to share the good news to budding Christian communities. In 18th century England, John Wesley did the unthinkable when he began preaching to crowds outside. And today, with the use of the internet rapidly progressing, we make yet another shift.

By using primarily electronic communications, Mifflin Avenue is not only improving its environmental stewardship but, also moving forward in its attempt to share the work of ministry in our community in effective and creative ways.

I thank the many individuals who have made *Church Talk* a successful means of communication in the past. Your efforts have been vital in helping to make ministry in this place happen for many years.

Church Talk may be ending, but our conversation with one another and with others continues unabated!

I ask for your grace and patience as we make what I believe to be a much-needed transition. If you have any questions about how to access church information, please don't hesitate to call the office at 412-731-2511.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Austin Hornyak, Pastor

September Birthdays

Sam Harper	3
Mary Kilgour	5
Jacquelyn Plate	5
Stephanie Wood	5
Patricia Drake	8
Megan McQuade	8
Katharine Han	10
Carleen Petronio	10
Carra Leavitt	11
Shari Furbee	13
Amanda Petronio	14
Margaret Carter	19
Ron Brand	19
Jason Carter	20
Christine Wood	23
Kim Comer	24
Sue Irons	28



September Acolytes



September 4 ~ Gracie Han
 September 11 ~ Kaitlyne Petronio
 September 18 ~ Kendall Barry
 September 25 ~ David Han



Ron Brand
 Nan Shoeib
 Tammy Conn

Scripture Readers



September 4 ~ Zeta Thomas
 September 11 ~ Barbara Thaw
 September 18 ~ Ron Brand
 September 25 ~ Open

Multimedia Schedule



September 4 ~ Mary Kilgour
 September 11 ~ Kelly Kilgour
 September 18 ~ Justin Conn
 September 25 ~ Sue Clapper

Greeters



September 4 ~ Jane Glidden & Jeanne Mayo
 September 11 ~ Carol Heckman & Sue Clapper
 September 18 ~ Veronica Greenberg & Sue Irons
 September 25 ~ Mary & Tom Kilgour

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MEALS ON WHEELS



Wilksburg Community Ministry (WCM) has a Meals on Wheels service, Monday-Friday during lunch. If you are a senior in Wilksburg and in need of our Meals on Wheels delivery we will be glad to serve you! Also, WCM is always in need for volunteer helpers or drivers. If you would like to receive meals or have the rewarding experience of delivering the meals, we would love to hear from you, please call 412-241-8072 for more information.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Our September Mission Opportunity is to support the American Cancer Society. Every dollar we provide to them goes toward eliminating cancer as a major health concern. Your donation is essential to supporting their mission, which fights cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy, and service.

RESEARCH: The American Cancer Society is the largest source of private, nonprofit cancer research funds in the United States, second only to the federal government. The society has had a hand in virtually every major cancer breakthrough of the past half-century. With your help, we can continue on this path.

EDUCATION: The American Cancer Society provides free educational programs and support services to help improve the quality of life for all cancer patients and their families including prevention and early detection initiatives, like the Great American Health Challenge; our toll-free information line 1-800-ACS-2345, available any time, day or night; and this Web site, with the accurate information available to any internet user 24 hours a day.

ADVOCACY: The American Cancer Society Action Network is the Society's nonprofit, nonpartisan sister organization that consists of a grassroots network of volunteers working on the local, state, and federal levels to pass meaningful legislation. ACS CAN advocates for stronger public health laws to fight cancer and achieve equal access to quality health care for all people.

SERVICE: If you are diagnosed with cancer, where can you turn for help? The American Cancer Society offers many free programs for patients and survivors, including rides to and from treatment; the Cancer Survivors Network for support; beauty products for patients to help them restore their self-confidence after debilitating treatment; and more.

No other cancer organization has this kind of presence in the community and power to influence legislators, health organizations, the media, and corporations. No other cancer-related group has the volunteer base, community presence, positive awareness, and decades of accomplishments that the American Cancer Society does. Established in 1913, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem. One person can make a difference. You can make a difference—it happens every day.....and it sustains goals for a tomorrow free from cancer.

You can help by making a monetary donation to the American Cancer Society with your check, payable to MAUMC and write "American Cancer Society" in the memo line or on your envelope.

Thank you,
Outreach Committee

SUMMER 2011 REPAIRS



The "Summer 2011 Repairs" projects consists of 2 items. First, we need major repair/replacement of furnace steam pipes which is estimated to cost \$11,000 and needs to be done before winter. Second, a roof section over the History room is badly leaking and is expected to cost about \$3,000 to repair. Failure to complete these repairs could result in more costly expenditures at a later time. If the congregation can contribute half the cost, or \$7,000, then the remainder can be taken from the Reserves funds. Please put "Summer 2011 Repairs" in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering or mail it to the church. We are extremely grateful for your generous support in the matter. Completion of these important items will allow us to keep the church in good repair as we head into the winter months. Thank you!



Wilkinsburg Community Ministry

Our September requested items for the WCM Food Pantry will be to collect 50, spaghetti sauce, pasta and canned tuna. It is not necessary to bring in all three items. Every item donated helps someone in need. You may bring in any food/paper donations at any time. You may also make a monetary donation by making your check payable to MAUMC and writing "Food Pantry" in the memo line or mark your envelope. Helping one person won't change the world, but will change the world for that one person.

Thank you,
Outreach Committee

FALL RUMMAGE SALE



Our Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 1st. You may start bringing in your donations on Sunday, September 4th. We need donations of jewelry, collectibles, antiques, baskets, purses, dishes, glassware, house wares, puzzles, toys, craft items, linens, pots & pans, Christmas items, Halloween items, new items, DVD's, CD's, glassware, small working appliances, picture frames. Please contact Mary Kilgour if you have any questions about what you can donate. We do not take clothing, televisions, computers, large appliances, car seats, suitcases, older baby items, older exercise equipment. The deadline to bring in your items will be Sunday, September 25th. The deadline is necessary to prepare the items for the sale. We also need volunteers to: help put out the items on Friday, September 30th, the day of sale, October 1st and on Sunday, October 2nd, to pack away what was not sold. We can not do this without volunteers.