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Signs of Grace

Immediately on leaving Ghana’s busy new airport, names of roadside businesses bring smiles to a new visitor. A few examples suffice: A beauty parlor is named “Anointed Hands.” A plumbing supply business proclaims proudly: “Abundant Grace.” We don’t have time to notice the wares at this one: “God’s Time Is the Best.” Another announces, “In God We Trust.” A bicycle shop reminds passersby, including us: “The Blood of Jesus.” Even the liquor store owner invites shoppers to share his higher faith: “Jesus Is All Powerful.”

We’re not used to such expressions of piety. We keep faith to ourselves. We describe our wares, not our values. We offer

advice, at the most; we don’t bare our souls for the world to see.

So we undertake mission trips like our recent one to Ghana with the best of motives. We want to help. We want to teach. We want to give.

Instead, we receive. We learn. We receive the help we thought to give.

It’s amazing to walk among folk who live their trust in God, every day. Whenever they go into a neighbor’s shop, faith is shared. “God is God,” the sign proclaims. Yes.

If your home or business carried such a sign, what might it say? Our stewardship program reminds us that God gives us all, “More Than Enough.”



Many businesses in Ghana carry names that reflect the owner’s faith in God.

Yes, Paul speaks for us. We are blessed. In that spirit, bring your pledge card to church on October 24.

God is God.

—Richard

A brief report from Ghana

Our mission to Ghana began when villagers in Awombrew greeted us eleven suburbanites with their *akwaaba* (You are Welcome!). Mary, a village elder, led a team of girls dressed in school uniforms in a dance. Other villagers, young and old, beat drums and clapped. Awombrew’s chief, his entourage of men from the village sat on one side of the field; women and children sat

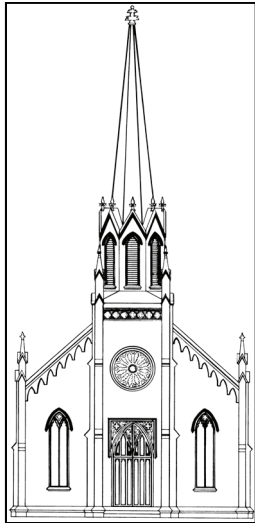
opposite. We sat in the middle, watching. Nana Jay, our leader from Woodbury, CT, exchanged greetings with their chief. They all gave the same message: Akwaaba!

I introduced myself: “My Fante name is Abena, my ‘Christian name’ is Amy. I am here to help my Christian brothers and sisters.” We were asked why we were there. We all had dif-

ferent reasons, but we shared a goal of offering help.

In the following week, we worked, played, laughed, and sang together. We helped them. They helped us. We built a bridge of community and learned to share what we have, and to value each other for our various gifts.

— Amy Brelia



*- Believing
hear, what you
deserve to hear;
Your birthday
as my own to me
is dear...*

*But yours gives
most; for mine
did only lend me
to the world;*

*Yours gave to
me a friend.*

-martial




Ghanaian dancers celebrate with the VIM (Volunteers in Mission) team on their last night in Winneba.

Church Community News

- We extend our sympathy to the family of Grace Huntley Pugh, a former member of our church, who died recently.
- We thank God for traveling mercies and grace for our team that went to Ghana, September 15-25: Amy Brelia, Bruce Meighan, and Pastor Richard went on a VIM trip led by Jay and Rae Ann Hockenberry, of our Annual Conference.
- Congratulations to Estelle Jackson, widow of former pastor Edgar Jackson. Mrs. Jackson turned 100 on September 25.
- Thanks to Dr. Clayton Miller for preaching on September 19, and to Sue Gill, chair of our worship committee, for leading worship that day.
- Our prayers are with students and teachers returning to school in this season.
- Thanks to all who took the "reverse offering." Return on October 17, please!

October Birthdays

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 Liudmila Merrell | 4 Charlie Fraioli | 5 Mark Colangelo |
| 5 Laura Holbrook | 5 Susan Orand | 6 Mindy Wintermantel |
| 10 Johanna Farrand | 10 Katherine Loga | 11 Joshua Prince |
| 13 Paul Eastlund | 13 Caitlin Morelli | 17 Paul Gardephe |
| 18 Anna Hodgson | 19 Susan Fraser | 19 Clara Kim |
| 19 Morgan Shaner | 20 Kari Latino | 21 Norma LaRoza |
| 21 Alexandra Merrell | 21 Javier Viera | 23 Joanne Massi |
| 23 Jessica Goodwin | 24 Tyler Loga | 28 Micaela Morell |
| 29 Sam Lightbody | 29 Kimberly Lightbody | 30 Roland Angarano |
-  Betsey Barney

October Wedding Anniversaries

October 2, 1976: Dennis and Linda Angarano

October 3, 1992: Bill and Brynne Shaner

October 21, 2000: Bruce Meighan and Amy Brelia

October 26, 1968: Vincent and Paula Conforti

A Note from the Trustees

As we enter the fall, the Trustees have completed most of their work for the year. Due to years of neglected maintenance, there were two major projects in 2010. The first was the removal of one of the chimneys at the parsonage and the erection of a new chimney. Over the years, the elements had caused many of the bricks to disintegrate and consequently the chimney was

in danger of falling. This work will also allow the fireplace in the living room to once again be in working order. The second project was the replacement of the extensive amount of rotten wood in the breezeway that was beginning to affect its integrity. We also had sealer put on the parking lot and installed Belgium blocks by the Tompkins Ave. exit. This is an area that takes a

tremendous amount of wear and tear. We also did some minor painting projects and routine maintenance items such as cleaning the gutters on all the buildings twice a year. As always, with an old facility, our needs are greater than our resources, but we try to be conscientious to the responsibilities with which we have been charged.



There's always some task to do to maintain one of our lovely older buildings. Here, an exterior wall is painted a few years ago.

MUMC Sponsors Midnight Run October 22, 2010

On Friday, October 22, our church will be hosting a Midnight Run.

We need donations of gently used jackets, sweaters, shirts, pants, and new men's briefs, socks and T shirts.

Donations of the new briefs and t shirts

are especially appreciated since the cost significantly impacts our budget.

Sizes we need are:

T shirts - M - L - XL

Briefs - 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42

Athletic socks

If you would like to volunteer to help or go on the Run, or want more info, please contact Bruce Meighan -- bsmeighan@gmail.com or 914-833-3539 (H) or 914-420-9570 (C)

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.
—Arthur Ashe

First Sunday Bake Sales Are Starting Up Again!



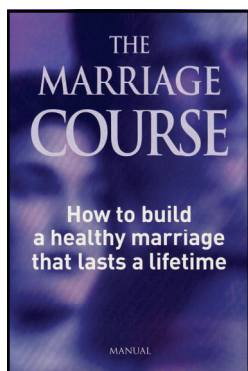
October Bake Sale

Back by popular demand, the "First Sunday Bake Sale" will be on Sunday, October 3 at coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service. The feature for October will be **HARVEST HOMEMADE PIES**. Plan on taking home something won-

derful for your family this month, and every First Sunday of the year. Proceeds of these bake sales will be used for marketing and advertising MUMC's programs, services and message to the greater community.



Two of our new friends in the village of Awombrew, in Ghana, West Africa.



Starting Sunday,
October 17
Time: 5-7:30pm
Place: Parsonage
(next to church)
Childcare Available

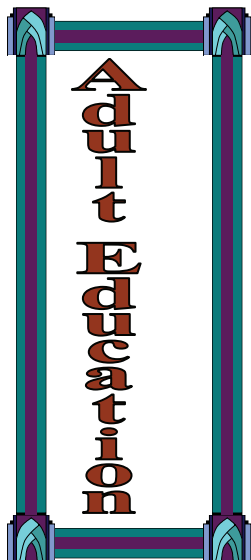
The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is a 7-week course built around the concept of building communication between marriage partners. The program, designed by ALPHA, will begin on Sunday evening, October 10, 5-7:30pm. We will meet at the Parsonage, 464 East Boston Post Road. Childcare will be available at MCNS. The cost will be \$200.00 per cou-

ple, which includes wine, dinner and childcare. This course is more about strengthening relationships than about restoring broken marriages.

Bring a sense of fun and adventure, and enjoy a few weeks of “**date nights**” with one another. Video presentations will present topics for couples to discuss privately after a delicious meal. Space is limited, so

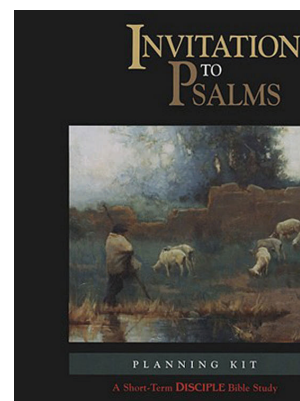
please **RSVP by October 3rd**. For more information, speak to Pastor Richard or to José Zeilstra at Johannazeilstra@yahoo.com



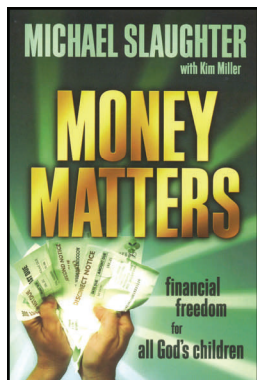
Invitation: to Psalms

You're invited to join Pastor Richard this fall for a study of the book of Psalms. Often called the Bible's “hymnbook,” this rich collection of songs from our Jewish heritage is a reminder that God invites us to worship with heart and soul, mind and strength. Precisely because the book of Psalms covers the whole wide range of human

emotions and feelings, it's one of the most loved books in our scriptures. The 10-session class will begin with an introductory meeting on **Thursday, October 7**, and will meet weekly through November 18. After our first six sessions, we'll take a break and meet again for four concluding sessions in January, beginning on January 6.



Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m.
Church House
Begins October 7



Tuesday night,
7:30pm at the
Church House
Begins Oct. 5th

Money Matters

Except for his call to his hearers to live in the dawning “Realm of God,” Jesus talked about money more than any other single subject! It's not surprising, because our use of financial resources embodies our deepest beliefs, our prejudices, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears. Therefore, we're offering

an **ADDITIONAL** adult study session this fall. Beginning on **Tuesday, October 5**, and continuing for eight sessions through November 23, we'll be reading and discussing “Money Matters” by Rev. Michael Slaughter, pastor of one of the largest United Methodist Churches in the country, Ginghamburg UMC in

Tipp City, Ohio. The double entendre of the title is intentional. We'll discuss these matters of personal finance because, yes, in our culture, money does matter. In fact, it matters so much that Jesus reminded his followers that where we put our treasure will be where our hearts follow.

“ADULTS ONLY” IS BACK!

In past years, “Adults Only” events have been a wonderful way to build fellowship and friendship among the adults at MUMC. We have planned a full year of events for 2010-2011 and look forward to your involvement!

Kick-off Event!

October 30th 5-8 PM Wine Tasting Chez Allen

Bring your favorite bottle of wine – any price – to share at a wine tasting party hosted by Lynne and Richard. Cheese, crackers and other “palate cleansers” will be provided!
RSVP 914-698-6048

Mark your calendars for future Adults-Only Events:

January 22: Game Night hosted by Amy Brelia and Bruce Meighan

March 12: Pot luck Supper hosted by Henry and Sandy Hobbs

April 30: Garden Planting Party at the church followed by a picnic on the lawn hosted by Susan Orand and Carole Smyth

June 11: Party hosted by Vonnie Sullivan, Jeannie Meyers and Violet Haviland



“Adults Only”
Kick off Event:

Saturday,
October 30th

Nicaragua Mission Trip, February, 2011

Our 2011 Nicaragua Mission trip is scheduled for February 4—12. Our church is currently forming the team to return to Leon, Nicaragua, working through El Ayudante mission doing construction and medical work with the people of Leon and the village of Carlos Fonseca. Construction or medical skills

are not required, however. All you need is an open heart. You are taking the gift of yourself, and you will be changed by the experience. Your deposit of \$600 will enable us to buy the airline ticket and will be applied to the total cost of the trip (estimated to be about \$1,500). Some scholarship funds are available,

with preference being given to first-time travelers. If you need such help, please speak to Richard Allen. God might just be calling you to this journey. **The deadline is passed. Contact Pastor Richard or Amy Brelia now. Please make checks payable to “Beacon of Hope.”**



MUMC Women’s Retreat - 2010 : Please sign up TODAY!

The 5th annual MUMC November 5th – 7th, 2010 is in Danger of being Canceled! We will be returning to the beautiful **Inns of Ocean Grove**, in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. In addition to keeping the date open for yourself, we invite you to tell friends and family members about this restorative and spiritual week-end. This year, the Reverend Jenny Phillips, a

United Methodist minister will be our facilitator. Jenny is founder and executive director of Creation Change, a United Methodist non-profit organization. It focuses on helping people respond in a faith based way to our changing environment. During our week-end with her, we will be thinking about our relationship to our home, the earth, in ways that offer new insights for contempo-

rary issues. Visit her web site www.elpnet.org/fellow/jenny-phillips to find out more about Jenny and Creation Change. In the fall, more information will be provided regarding retreat costs, driving instructions, etc. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Grace Powers Fraioli, saguarogap@aol.com, Amy Brelia, sbcap.com



The 5th Annual
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Women’s
Retreat
November 5-7
2010
At
Inns of Ocean Grove
Ocean Grove, NJ

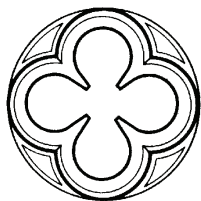
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Our mission: To love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves



Above: Photos from the village of Awombrew, near the coastal town of Winneba, in Ghana, West Africa. Our team helped to complete a school for 300 children in K-9 grades.

Sew'n Sos: Getting Ready for The Annual Christmas Fair

The Sew'n sos is a group of women who like to make things; knit, sew, craft, etc., and enjoy each other's company, have lunch together and occasionally tease the pastor. This group has been around for a l-o-o-n-n-g time. Our name has changed several times over the years, starting with "the Monday Martha's" up to the current name, The Sew'n Sos. We like to say "I'm just an old sew'n so". It sometimes gets a reaction. We have been meeting most of the summer, but we

did leave early during those 90 plus days. We are looking at new things to make and experimenting with others. Now that September is here, we are starting to get ready for our **Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 20th.** When you do your fall cleaning, keep us in mind. We are looking for cotton material yard goods, yarn, thread, and knitting instruction books. Our outreach is on-going, we accepted a new project this spring—

making shawls for the church Outreach Committee to distribute. Now that the Quilt Cottage has closed in the village, we are looking to reconnect with the Linus Project to take the baby blankets we made. We appreciate your help and wonderful support. We meet on Mondays from 10-2 at the Church House. Come join us!!

—Betsey Barney, Marge Coffin, Evelyn Fava, Kay Hayward, Yvonne Lumsden, Marie Mackey, Cary Santoro and Alexandra Stephani.