

HILLTOP HERALD

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Schedule Change!

8AM and 10:30AM Worship
10:30AM SCS

Beginning September 12, and continuing through May 22, 2009, we will return to our "normal" worship schedule - at 8:00AM and 10:30AM. Tone Chimes rehearsal will be held at 10:00AM, and our Coffee Hour will be held between services.

The *big change* will be in our Sunday Church School, which will meet at 10:30AM. During the first part of our worship service the children will be in their classrooms for an "age-appropriate" learning experience.

At the time of the "Passing of the Peace," the children will be brought to the worship space to participate in the rest of worship with their families (including Holy Communion). It is our hope that this will result in better attendance at our Sunday School classes. This new schedule will "kick off" on *Rally Day, September 12*.

All-Church Picnic Sept 19, 12:30 - 5PM

Our "All-Church" Picnic is an event for *all* members of our church family, and will be held at the Skyline Commons Community Park in West Hanover Township beginning at 12:30PM. If your last name begins with A thru M, you are asked to bring a dessert; N thru Z, a side dish, please. Hamburgers, hot dogs, water and lemonade will be provided. You should also bring lawn chairs and/or blankets with you. NOTE: We "picnic," rain or shine - if the weather does not cooperate, we will gather in Fellowship Hall.

Choirs Resume

Both our Handbell and Vocal Choirs resume rehearsals this month -

- *Handbell Choir* meets on Tuesday evenings in Room 6, at 6:45PM, beginning September 14
- *Vocal Choir* meets on Thursday evenings at 7PM, beginning Sept 23

Both of these hard-working groups can always use new members (no prior experience necessary!). NOTE: We are in special need of 2-3 new Handbell Choir members. So, whether you're considering being a "ringer" or a "singer," just show up for rehearsal; if you have questions, speak ahead of time to Sue Daniels, our Director of Music (you can also email her at music@churchonthehilltop.org).

After-Five Group September 15, 7:30PM

The After-Five Group (open to all women of the church) will meet on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30PM in Fellowship Hall to make items for this year's Holiday Food and Crafts Fair. We are still looking for new ideas for craft and other sale items. If you have an idea - and especially if you have a sample - bring it with you to the meeting on the 15th. But, above all, come to the meeting - we need your creativity and your willingness to be of help.

Columbarium Niches

Our Columbarium (located in our Memorial Chapel between the Vestry and the Sacristy) is a place where cremated remains may be interred. More and more of our members are finding this an attractive and cost effective alternative to secular cemeteries. There are still a limited number of "niches" available at \$625. When those are gone, remaining niches will be \$700. If you want to know more, please speak with Pastor Stickley.

Helping the Local YWCA

The YMCA was founded in 1893 to create a safe place for young working women to live and gather. Today, the agency is still in the same business: providing safe, secure housing and services for children and youth.

Our Church & Community Committee is sponsoring the collection of the following items currently needed by the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg:

- Twin sheet sets
- Towels and washcloths
- Gladware type storage containers
- large plastic tote boxes for storage
- Slippers or flip-flops
- Travel size personal care products (shampoo, lotion, etc)

Please place your donations in the designated basket in the Great Room through Sunday, September 26. Your donations will be a great blessing to the YWCA shelter. As always, thank you for your generous support!

Welcome . . .

- To Kathy Hykes and to Tim and Sara Michler, who were received into our church family membership on August 8; and,
- To Cassandra Jean Michler, daughter of Tim and Sara, who was received into our membership by Baptism on that same day.

Congratulations . . . and Best Wishes

- To Alan Wadsworth and Sarah Caler who were joined in marriage on Saturday, July 24, Pastor Stickley presiding. Alan and Sarah will reside at 6100 Springford Drive, B23, Hbg, 17111.

Beginning September 12
Holy Communion - 8 & 10:30AM
Sunday School - 10:30AM

After-Five Group
Sept 15, 7:30PM

Church Picnic
September 19, 12:30-5PM

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Youth Happenings -

Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

Sept 12 - First meeting, 6-8:30PM (Rm 10)
 Sept 26 - Meeting, 6-8:30PM (Rm 10)

Upper Elementary Youth Group (Grades 4-6)

Sept 17-19 - Synod-Wide Middle School Retreat at
 Camp Nawakwa
 Sept 26 - Meeting, 4-5:30PM (Rm 10)

Buffet Breakfast/ Holiday Food and Crafts Fair Saturday, November 13

Once again, a reminder of this important annual fund-raising event. If you have craft/art items you can donate, you'll want to begin working on them NOW! (See article on front page regarding the After-Five Group meeting on September 15). And, when you are asked to help out, please say, "Yes." Most of all, put this date on your calendar!

Rest Eternal Grant Him, O Lord

Joe Jacenko, a long-time member of our church family, died on July 29. A Liturgy of Remembrance with Holy Communion was held at church on August 3. Please remember the Jacenko family in your prayers.

Thank you . . .

- "Thank you for your kind support and generosity. Your gifts to the less fortunate of towels, laundry detergent and personal care items demonstrates great love and servanthood. Warmly, Linda L. Grudi, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families.
- "Your gift of reading glasses and numerous medicines to the Christ Health Ministries is highly appreciated. With your help we continue to operate a number of clinics as part of our Health Ministries, an ecumenical service to the poor in the greater Harrisburg area. In God's Love, The Rev. Jody Silliker and the people of Christ Church, Hbg."

A New Congregation Secretary

At its August meeting, Congregation Council approved the recommendations of the Mutual Ministry and Finance Committees that Mrs. Sherry Madara be hired as our new Congregation Secretary. Sherry has been a member of our church family for over 20 years. Her husband, Bill, and two children, Brandon and Lindsay, are also actively involved in our church life and ministries. Sherry will be involved in training for a couple of weeks, and will be on board with us full time by mid-September. When you see her, be sure to let her know how happy we are to have her with us. Our special thanks to the Mutual Ministry Committee for their work in conducting interviews.