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## Sanctuary United Methodist Church

### SANCTUARYnews....

May 24, 2012

***"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord."***

--James L. Kraft (1874-1953), Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corp. Chairman

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#### The Week That Was

Monday - May 14th

- Compiled my gathered info and wrote about my church visit and "The Week That Was" for the enews article.
- Compiled info for detailing "how to grow Sanctuary".
- Met with the Admin Team at 7:00.

Tuesday - May 15th

- Still working on presentation for the Vision Dinner. Putting together a working

document which will detail "The Essentials of Life". Your input is being sought at the Vision Dinner and Vision Desserts...and eventually it will be published for all to read...and to offer additional feedback.

- Had a great cup of Jo again at Alice's Bakery. Emily and Macarena make great food. Their wheat bread, as with all the offer, is QUALITY! It is a great place to read, listen, observe...and of course pray!!!



- Gave a "pop quiz" for the summary of the Gospel of John. Learned what I already knew... everyone hates pop quizzes - LOL. What a great book to learn the identity and purpose of Jesus. ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. THE Word really is THE essential of life.... both now and in the life to come!***

Wednesday - May 16th

- Men's Fellowship Breakfast - nice turn out. Love these guys!!! Calling all men who can get up early and get to Franconi's by 6:45 a.m. We chat, joke, pray, eat... and look for ways to serve. Thank you men for the recent brunch... Janis and the youth appreciate your \$600.00 donation to support their summer mission trip.
- Heard about a possible "shanty" housing a family. Went looking for it... and found it... but no traces of anyone having lived there. Spoke to the proprietor who has a cafe nearby and he had not seen any activity from January to now... but hey... if there is such a family in need we do want to know about them! I prayed for whatever their circumstance might have been or now it.



Desperate times can lead to desperate measures. For this Christ came,  
and now anoints us to proclaim good new to the poor.

See Luke 4 - it is our purpose in being the body of Christ.

- Went in to meet the owner and got (another) cup of coffee at the Castaway

Cafe. John - is a great guy. It is a struggle to get this establishment lucrative. He is paying his bills, and paying his workers, but not really taking "profit" for himself. I am praying for him and his Cafe. It is on West Point Pike - in West Point. There is parking in the back. If you are in the area stop in for a bite to eat! He is open from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. except Mondays.



- Prayer Walked the neighborhood around the North Wales Library. I have never been in that section. It really is amazing getting to see first-hand the community I've lived in for almost 8 years now - and never really knew. I love this town... and its people... as I love being at Sanctuary - and its people.



I especially pray for homes that are being sold... for the people... where they are moving to. Moving is such a huge cause of stress... both on the buying and selling side, as well as making the transition to living in a new place. As one that has moved 11 times - I KNOW. We need to pray for the realtors of Sanctuary such as Mike and Pat Jula, and Dianne Richardson. And I pray for the people who will be moving in. Perhaps God wants us to connect with our new neighbors. When you see a new resident move in... take them a gift - anything simple will do... food always works... but so could a gift bag from the church... and then invite them to Sanctuary.

- Met with a couple from Sanctuary. Went over the Vision Presentation. Two hours later... as I was leaving... I knew what I had to do... I went back to the

house and cut out 20 of my slides... only keeping 15. (LOL) KISS really does work.

- Work on the presentation for the Vision Dinner continued - including and especially "the work" of prayer.

Thursday - May 17th

- Arrived early at Annual Conference (in Oaks, Pa) - which I NEVER have done... but this year we were invited to "Prayer Walk" where Annual Conference was being held. Frank, Gabrielle and I joined in with other pastors - including Bishop Johnson - and prayed for the plenary sessions, meal room, the laity and the clergy. It was a great experience - and as Gabrielle reported - the highlight of her time at Annual Conference. Gabrielle was serving as a "Lay Equalization Delegate" for our Central District. The Bishop was thrilled to meet her - and clapped her hands in glee because Gabrielle has brown hair (meaning NO GRAY in it - roflol). Seriously though and sadly we are an aging church... and literally "dying on the vine". We closed 10 churches this year - and that is only the tip of the iceberg.



Quite impressively - Bishop Johnson anointed and prayed over each and every seat - not just in the main auditorium - but also where the clergy session was going to be held. Before she did that Frank anointed her with oil - and as a group we laid hands on her and prayed for her strength and wisdom for Annual Conference.

**BE SURE TO BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE @ 10:30.  
YOU WILL LOVE HEARING BISHOP JOHNSON'S HEART AND MIND WHICH IS  
GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

Friday - May 18th

- Another Annual Conference day - HOWEVER...
- My highlight - another 2 hour Skype session with Tom Bandy. His insights are extremely valuable. One of the things we delved into is how to use

Missioninsite more effectively. This is a tool that looks at the demographics, psychographics, and lifestyle segments of our "mission field". In our case - 5 miles N. S. E. W. of Sanctuary. Some very valuable information is available... and Tom is helping me to understand what all the information means for us as we try to reach our area "for Jesus" in a way that meets the needs of the people living in this area. Much of the information from these reports is exactly what I am observing on my prayer walks. The next step will be for us to input our own members into the tool... and that will tell us how we match up with the information in general. It is very helpful... and very complex... so I am grateful for Tom's help.

- Finished reading "The Hole in our Gospel". Richard Stearns was the CEO of the Lenox Corporation. He left it to become the CEO of World Vision. This book is fantastic in that it really does portray the reality of how blessed we are in this country. But with it comes this heart-wrenching appeal: We are blessed SO THAT we will be a blessing. It challenges me to think not just locally and regionally - but also globally. I heartedly recommend this book to all - but trust me - it is not for the "faint of heart". There is much to be done... but it all begins with the one thing we can do now!
- Started reading "IT" by Craig Groeshel. This was recommended by my friend - Scott McDermott - Pastor of Washington Crossing UMC. "IT" is so good - I ordered copies for our leaders to read. Nothing like giving out homework assignments :-)
- Helped Becky as we put together the chicken divan for the Vision Dinner. Thank you Sue Burrell and Becky for a wonderful meal. Those who missed it... really missed something special!

Saturday - May 19th

- Started reading "The other 80%". This is a book on how to engage more than 20% of the pew sitters. Every organization understands the 80/20 rule... but in the body of Christ we ALL need to give our ALL after all... Christ gave his ALL for us! (Yes - two books going at once - that has often been the case - but how much easier to do with my e-reader.)
- Continued preparations for the Vision Dinner. Trying to make the evening as short as possible takes a lot of time in preparation.
- VISION DINNER - Nice time had by all. Great response financially. Will report on this separately.

Sunday - May 20th

- Visited Sanctuary UMC in North Wales. See <http://www.sanctuarychurch.org>
- BTW - have I mentioned I love the people of Sanctuary? And I love being at Sanctuary. And, oh yes - I have been appointed to Sanctuary AND TO the North Wales area for another year.
- It was great to be "home". And I really appreciated being able to have a special time of prayer with Kim Sherlock and her mother, Annette Leib. She is scheduled for surgery June 4th - or earlier if possible. Hearing the "c" word is frightening... but we have a God that is bigger than any problem we encounter. Kim and Annette feel as I do - they love being at Sanctuary - and are very grateful for the love, care, prayer and support they are receiving. News such as Kim received put everything else into proper perspective. Let us continue to pray for one another, love one another, serve one another... even as we continue to reach out with the love of God.

**TAKING THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY -  
Amen and so let it be!**

And that was the week that was!

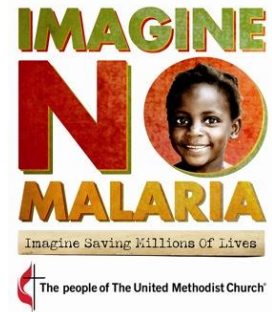
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Schedule

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**Sunday, May 27 - *Please note:* ONE SERVICE - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Guest Speaker: Bishop Peggy Johnson**  
**A love offering for "Imagine No Malaria!" will be collected during the service.**

10:30 a.m. - Nursery & Toddler Care  
Also - Children's Church for children through third grade.  
\*\*No Adult Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.



**6:00 - 8:15 p.m.- Outdoor Sports/Indoor Interactive Bible Study. Please bring your baseball glove and your Bible.**

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**Monday, May 28 - HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**  
**Sanctuary Nursery School Camp, Week # 1 - All Week!**  
**Tuesday, May 29 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts - (Rm 109)**  
**Wednesday, May 30 - 6:30 p.m. - SUMC Softball - AWAY - Grace UMC**  
**7:30 p.m. - Herald Ringers**



**Preaching Schedule while our Pastor is on a Research & Development discipline related to the growth of Sanctuary. "Where does Jesus want us 10 years from now?"**

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| <b>June 3 - Chuck Arnold</b>            | <b>Scripture: Excerpts from Nehemiah 2</b> |
| <b>Leader"</b>                          | <b>Sermon Title: "The Dynamic</b>          |
| <b>June 10 -Chuck Arnold</b>            | <b>Scripture: Excerpts from Nehemiah 3</b> |
| <b>Success"</b>                         | <b>Sermon Title: "Organized for</b>        |
| <b>June 17 - Chuck Arnold</b>           | <b>Special Father's Day Message</b>        |
| <b>June 24- Dr. Anita Powell -</b>      | <b>Central District Superintendent</b>     |
| <b>July 1 - Ben Melli</b>               | <b>Praise and Worship Director</b>         |
| <b>July 8 - Gabrielle Pakhtigian -</b>  | <b>Lay Person from Sanctuary UMC.</b>      |
| <b>July 15 - Pastor Carver returns.</b> | <b>Communion</b>                           |

Note: While Pastor Jim is taking some time to focus on research and development for Sanctuary, he is always available by email or phone: [jim.carver@sanctuarychurch.org](mailto:jim.carver@sanctuarychurch.org) or 267-664-5716.



**Note: Summer Sunday School Schedule begins -  
Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day....**

**Summer Sunday School  
and Child Care During Worship at SUMC...**

**9:00 a.m. - Nursery care in the Nursery;  
Toddler care in room 101;**

**Children's Church 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. in room 109.**

**10:30 a.m. - Nursery/Toddler care in the Nursery;  
Summer Sunday School for 4 year olds through 3rd grade in room 109 (wear sneakers  
for indoor and outdoor sports).**

**Introduction to Helping Relationships Class**

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**A special class is being offered: "Introduction to Helping Relationships"
by, Chaplain Chuck Arnold**

**Sunday, June 3 - Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 10 - Noon - 2:00 p.m.**

If you can only make one of the sessions, it will be well worth your time. A light lunch will be served. Take advantage of this excellent course!

Fee waved - donations (to cover food costs) welcomed! Hope you will join us.

Calling all Graduates!

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If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, please let the church office know of these accomplishments! We need name, high school/college/grad school, a photograph, and (if appropriate) plans for furthering education.

June 17 - at both services - we will share this wonderful news with the congregation. But, as we need time to get everything in order, so please submit information as soon as possible. Office hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., if you would like to bring in person, or e-mail to [info@sanctuarychurch.org](mailto:info@sanctuarychurch.org). ...Also, if you bring on Sunday, please leave in the administrative assistant's mail box. Thank you!

**LITTLE TORCH Soccer Information**

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Time for.....

LITTLE TORCH SOCCER!

...For beginner soccer players, ages 2 - 5.

Where kids play & learn!

June Session: June 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29.
July Session: July 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 27.

Preschoolers (Ages 4-5): Although it may seem like fun and games to preschoolers, they will learn listening skills, fair play, and the joy of activity - **Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.**

Toddlers (Ages 2-3): Our toddlers are offered a variety of fun opportunities to exercise. Gross motor skills and social skills are developed through structured play - **Fridays at 12:30 p.m.**

Pricing: \$10/week OR \$60/full eight week program per child.

If you have any questions about TORCH activities, or would like to sign up your child, contact Gabrielle at gabrielle@sanctuarychurch.org.

SUMC Softball. . .

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SUMC Softball Schedule

Next Week...

Wednesday, 5/30	Grace UMC	AWAY	Clemens Park - 500 Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield
Thursday, 6/7	Christ UMC	HOME	Christ UMC - Valley Forge Road (Near North Penn HS)
Wednesday, 6/13	First Baptist	AWAY	Clemens Park - 500 Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield
Thursday, 6/21	Bethel Hill UMC	HOME	Christ UMC - Valley Forge Road (Near North Penn HS)
Thursday, 6/28	Lansdale UMC	HOME	Christ UMC - Valley Forge Road (Near North Penn HS)
Thursday, 7/12	Christ UMC	AWAY	Christ UMC - Valley Forge Road (Near North Penn HS)
Wednesday, 7/18	First Baptist	AWAY	Clemens Park - 500 Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield
Thursday, 7/26	Grace UMC	HOME	Christ UMC - Valley Forge Road (Near North Penn HS)

Week night games start at 6:30 p.m.

(try to arrive 15 - 30 minutes prior for warm up)

Manager: Bob Miller 267-664-9949 or Robert.J.Miller2@boeing.com

Vacation Bible School - June 24 - 28!

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
IT'S TIME TO "DIVE IN,
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS,
AND GET REGISTERED FOR FIVE EVENINGS OF
UNDERWATER ADVENTURES!**

**Sunday - Thursday,
JUNE 24 - 28, 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.
Ages 4 through 5th Grade**

(Please print out - complete registration form - and then return it to Janis Zimmerman or the church office.)

Operation Overboard VBS Registration Form

Child's Name (s) _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____

Children Age Information:

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other (List each child's name next to info.)

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name (s) of person (s) who may pick up this child from VBS:

Other Information (church use only)

Chef Group _____

Are parents helping with Operation Overboard VBS? _____

If yes, where? _____

Please return to Janis Zimmerman, the church office, or mail to Janis Zimmerman, 22 Gerloff Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

Current PRAYER CONCERNS...

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- The Atkins Family** (May 26 Memorial Service) - Wife of Roger/Mother of Sue Tooley/Amy Walter
- Mya Rose Andersen-Brophy** (Continuing Cancer Treatments) - Granddaughter of the Brophy's
- Lisa Frying** (Surgery for Cervical Cancer - 5/23) - Friend of Sara Plechner
- Dee Kinney and her Family** (Death of Bill) - Former Members of Sanctuary
- Lisa Lehman** (Moved to Skilled Care Residence This Week) - Kay Lehman's Daughter-in-Law
- Walter Maueroeder** (Additional Surgery - May 22) - Donna's Husband; Lindy Coseo's Son-in-Law
- George Tyzack** (Final Stages of Brain Cancer) - Father of Louise Donehower
- Pat Wolf** (Rehabilitation - One to Two Weeks) - Peg Smith's Sister
- Kevin Zimmerman** (Hospitalized - Abdominal Pains/Dehydration) - Janis Zimmerman's Husband

**Those in the Military**

- Kim (Craig) Bell**
- Joel and Angela Bergey**
- Bill Blackburn** (PTSD)-Nancy Penniman's Grandson
- Bill and Sabrina Bricker**
- Adam Buchanan**
- John Candie**
- Ashley (VanHorn) Fabre**

**Justin Niece**-Marjorie Niece's Grandson  
**Michael John Graver** - Deployed to Afghanistan - Susan Zimmerman's Brother  
**Christy Pelletier** (Deployed to Korea) - Granddaughter of Joe Pelletier

**Those in the Missionary Field**

**Rich and Bev Sparling** (Sports Ministry)  
**James, Grace and Priscilla Kim** (Mexico)

*As Christ's love grows in you  
His love will flow from you.*

More information, including the current events calendar, can be found at -  
[www.sanctuarychurch.org](http://www.sanctuarychurch.org).

To send an e-mail to the church, click - [info@sanctuarychurch.org](mailto:info@sanctuarychurch.org).

Prayer requests may be sent directly to - [pray@sanctuarychurch.org](mailto:pray@sanctuarychurch.org).

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