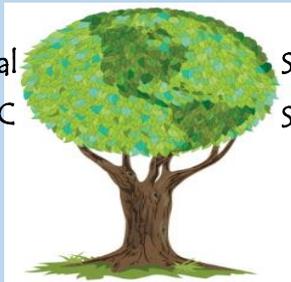


THE TRI-COUNTY PARISH CIRCUIT RIDER



Canton Ecumenical
Ward UMC



St. John's UMC
Shunk UMC



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Jesus is My Superhero!
Ward Vacation Bible School
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Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

As we journey in ministry together, we must look at the term journey. The dictionary states that a journey is a trip from one place to another over a long distance. Many of us prepare for a journey. We pack everything that we think that we will need. Clothes, (possibly for different temperatures during the time that we are away), money, (depending on how long the journey is), What recreational; material will we need? (such as books, puzzles, work), we may get a neighbor to watch the house, stop the mail and newspaper deliveries, and gas up the car.

I have evolved to realize that I pack enough clothes for the number of days gone. (I could always wear something again if need be). I don't have much money, so I take all I have, I don't get around to the work that I take along, and I am too busy walking or shopping to do word puzzles, I have a neighbor who watches the house, (who am I kidding, the entire neighborhood watches), Rachel is usually home to get the mail, and Paula hates the fact that I know there are plenty of gas stations along the way, so I may leave Canton with a quarter tank of fuel.

I think that it is safe to say that we in the Tri-County Parish have seen our numbers dwindle to the point that we have a tough time watching it continue. This is where the vision teams are so vital. An idea turned into reality, (succeed or fail), is a step in the right direction. The first steps of any journey are difficult, so get it over with. Take that first step. Even the seasoned members of our churches have fond memories from when they were younger, and full of energy and passion. The point is that even outdated ideas can be resurrected, changed, and implemented for success.

Many of you will be here long after Kathy, Paula, and I are gone. These are your churches, I am simply blessed to walk this journey with you for a while. What will you do to make it last? The ministry that you choose to attempt will be a way to glorify God, and His presence in your ministry opportunities. St John's is trying to get something started, (actually two things). The people are beginning a journey. They are beginning to put their ducks in a row, gather information from those who have more expertise, and find out where to gas up, raise up leaders, so that they are ready to begin the travel from where they are to another place. And it will be a long distance. They realize that it will take some work, money, and prayer. They are going in the right direction according to the list of things from the May Circuit Rider concerning being a vital congregation, and the plan that all the churches need to write out by January 2017. That is only four months away.

I know about deadlines. I have been planning to work on my theology papers for the past two years or so, and now the deadline is September 6, a mere ten days from your reading this letter. I have to settle into a new routine that focuses on that part of my "job". As we are praying the prayer of Jabez, please include me in your prayers for God's blessing on what I write, that those who read it will understand what God has placed in my heart as I reach out, and stretch my theology muscles.

One last point that I would like to make in this letter to y'all: it is that time of the year that I call on the treasurers, financial record keepers, and other people for the numbers that I need to complete the church conference paperwork. So there may be some last minute meetings called in the next month. Please be patient and flexible with me as we work to make it possible to be accountable to the things that we have covenanted to do this year, and plan for next year.

And before we get to that point in our journey together, please accept my thanks for who you have been in Christ as we try to join our faith journey with the necessary part of the administration of the church. Many of us have no clue how things get accomplished. We show up, and it's done. The church people and buildings are cared for. What part do you take in these miracle moments in the life of our church? Perhaps it is time for us all to inquire, and ask what we might do to help. There is a form that we fill in concerning the alternative structure of the church. Maybe you could serve the church in this capacity? Maybe you could help to be a decision maker on the journey that we take as a church. Continue to pray the prayer of Jabez, and live a life that glorifies God.

**Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,
"Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory, that your hand might be with me,
that you would keep me from hurt and harm."
And God granted what he asked.**

Be the blessing God intends,

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

by Kathy Miller

School days, school days,
Dear old golden rule days.
'Readin' and 'ritin' and 'rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick.
You were my queen in calico,
I was your bashful barefoot beau,
And you wrote on my slate,
'I love you, Joe,'
When we were a couple of kids.



OK, I have to admit I'm a sucker for old tunes my Dad taught me. And I only remembered the first 4 lines. Google search is a wonderful thing. But I do remember the excitement of the first day of school. New clothes, pencils, erasers, getting together with friends at recess, and bringing home the books. Those of you in my generation, please pass on to your grandchildren that we did NOT use slates. You may even have to explain that a slate was a low tech "tablet" in our grandparent's day.

So here it is September with our children going off to school. Our schedules change with the season and the (hopefully) cooler weather. We will now be putting together the school kits to send to Mission Central. The Flood Bucket project was a real success, so let's see what we can do together as a Parish this time. Soon the Bible Studies start again. At St. John's we will begin with a study of Bruce Wilkinson's book, "A Life God Rewards - Why Everything You Do Today Matters Forever". It is another of his series that includes "The Prayer of Jabez". Very interesting and thought provoking. Then we begin to think of the fall & winter services and events in our communities and churches. I wonder - have you thought of how you may become involved in the planning and participation of worship? Or how you might encourage others to do so? Church need not be a spectator sport! It will become even more meaningful when you contribute. Think of where your interest lies - music, liturgy, acolyte, dance (I know that sounds radical, but it is acceptable for those young folks that have had lessons). Perhaps you will think of other ideas. Share them with me. Please! Never forget that ALL of YOU are the church - the Body of Christ!

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Cor.12:27)

Grace & Peace,

Kathy

Parish News



**Youth From Orbisonia United Methodist Church
Visited St. John's**



For details, see the St. John's news page!

Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

Please be careful pulling out of the church parking lot!

Can't believe it's time for school to start already. Where did the summer go? Let's say some extra prayers for the students, bus drivers, teachers and helpers as they begin a new year.

Our church picnic was on June 27th and I neglected to mention that when many of us arrived Linda Quail was cleaning the refrigerator and wiping down the cupboards. Thank you, Linda! Wayne, Ken and Phyllis Quail also do a lot of unseen things to keep our church equipment working and clean. Lucy Baumunk makes sure we have flowers every Sunday. Carol Miller does many behind the scenes things for the church also. Ed Fisher checks on the ditch when it rains hard. I'm sure I missed someone. Thank you to each and every one of you for all you do!!!

This is an open invitation to everyone in our church/parish to come join the **Prayer Warriors** every Wednesday at 11 AM at Canton Ecumenical. This is for men and women. It is a wonderful group! You do not have to pray out loud if you don't want to. It is a very special time of lifting up praises and concerns. Yes, I know....we do that every Sunday during our church service. This is more personable for lack of a better word. Join us on Wednesday and find out for yourself.

Please read the bulletin for upcoming events!

Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

Join us on Tuesday, September 13 for our Monthly Dinner featuring Ham Loaf, Baked Potatoes, Vegetable, Beverage, and Dessert. Take time out of your busy back to school schedule and join us for food and fellowship! It's still a bargain at \$6.00 per person!

The Canton Food Pantry item for September is 15 ounce cans of diced tomatoes. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Just a heads-up! Trick-or-Treat night will be here before we know it! Pastor Jerry and Paula are unable to be there this year, but we want to keep this tradition going! If you are able to work that night, please let us know. We will have the treat bags ready so all you will have to do is have the snacks and drinks ready that night, and pass out the candy. We believe the date will be October 29 as is the community tradition. See Pastor Jerry or Paula if you can help! Thank you in advance for your help!

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

For starters, we would like to congratulate Jake and Susan Shedden on the birth of their daughter! Joanna Grace was born on August 10, 2016. It is exciting to have new life in the church and we look forward to watching her grow!

There will be a business meeting held at Ward on September 8, 2016 at 7:15pm. At this meeting, we will elect officers as well as discuss regular business. If you are able, please attend.

Ward held its Vacation Bible School August 1-4. The theme was Jesus is My Superhero. There were seventeen children in attendance. Once again, the children were fed dinner at 5:30 and Bible School activities were held from 6-8pm. The children seemed to enjoy the week. The activities included a lesson, music, craft, recreation, as well as an opening and closing. The children learned that the superheroes they see on tv and read about in books are not real. However, there is one real superhero, Jesus. They also learned about miracles and the difference between a miracle and magic. Throughout the week, a collection was taken that is to be used to put together school kits for Mission Central. The total collection was \$137.60 and there were also donations of items to be included in the kits. These school kits will then be distributed by Mission Central to children in need. The whole week would not have been possible without the help of all of the volunteers! Not only do they step in wherever needed, but they also tolerate my last minute planning and changes. The volunteers this year included: Cassidy Bellows, Lydia Landon, Ruth Morse, Julie Sechrist, Pastor Jerry Schmidt, Paula Schmidt, Maxine Shedden, Sam Shedden, and Dianna Thompson. Thank you so much for donating your time and energy to make it such a great week!

Editor's note: Thank You to Dana for coordinating and planning VBS again this year!!

Our youth are now back to school. As they get back into the swing of things with academics, friends, sports, and other extra curricular activities, there are many prayers needed for the students as well as their parents. Below is the prayer shared as part of the "Blessing of the Backpacks" in church.

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place at the right time, to receive your grace.

Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts.

Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayerforanxiety.com

Remember, I would still like to hear your story of how you ended up attending this church. I would also love to hear any memories you have about Ward Church. Again, you can write it and give it to me or email it to me at danam1481@yahoo.com. Please use the subject Ward Church so I can easily search for the emails and make sure I don't miss any.

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton

A lot has been happening in our church! On the next page, there are pictures and a thank you from the youth of the Orbisonia UMC who stayed at St. John's recently. Here are some of the highlights:

First, the congregation was thrilled to have the youth from the Orbisonia UMC near State College, led by Ed Seeley, stop on their way home from their mission trip. The entire group was a pleasure to talk to. We provided supper for them on Saturday, the day they arrived, and then several members of the congregation took them to their homes for a long awaited shower. Then it was back to the church where a jamboree took place with the playing of the drums, etc. They spent the night and then took part in the worship service the next morning. They told about what they were doing on their mission trip, how they got started and what they are planning in the future. We had dancing, music, and testimony. It was a great day. After the service, we enjoyed cookies and things they could take for their trip home. It was a great time!

On that note, Ed Seeley contacted Dody and asked if next year's mission trip could be to Canton! Of course. It will not entail this large contingency, but only a few of the youth and they will stay in the church once again. Their main goal will be to do small jobs for the elderly, work with our youth and spread the word of God.

This brings us to a meeting where several people got together and discussed how we could start a youth group of our own and have more people attend our services. One of the ideas was to have a TV installed so that a Sunday School Teacher could use it as part of their lesson. Also a larger one in the basement, so movies could be shown and have movie night. The nursery was also discussed. It will be renovated and fixed so people might once again make use of it.

An all church picnic was held at the home of Jim and Beverly Unruh with a covered dish. That wasn't the only thing that needed covering. It rained! Not much, but jut enough to get everyone wet. Some went on the porch, others in the garage. But still we had a good time. After the rain stopped, we circled around and sang favorite hymns. A quartet consisting of Don Heller, Pastor Jerry, and Carol and Cecil Kneller sang two of the favorites. After prayer by the pastor, it was time to disperse.. A good time was had by all.

The Canton Area Network of Ministers sponsored an All-Church Picnic at the War Memorial Pool on August 20. There was swimming, music, and of course, eating. The Tri-County Parish churches were asked to provide the pasta salad. Thank you to Dody Smith, Fern McNett and others from St. John's who donated to this cause.

Remember, school is starting. Please support our students in their fall activities and at school. Watch for all students coming and going to school. In other words, drive safely. Hope all the students in Canton and Troy have a wonderful school year.

Since fall is coming, let's start to get ready for what is ahead. The choir returning, the Apple Cheese Festival and Fall Fling, Thanksgiving, and of course, Christmas. Remember He is the reason not only for the season, but for everything we should be doing. PS: there is only 120 days till Christmas from August 26!!!

A Note of Thanks from the Youth Group of Orbesonia UMC
to all of you at St. John's UMC!

We are all very touched and appreciative for your kindness and generosity - more than what words can properly express - God bless each one of you the way that you've blessed us during our short stay with you!

Janey
Suzanne
Shayna
Beth
Seth w.
Staci
Ethan
Carla
Lacey
Caitlyn
Mathenna
Shon
Nick
Noah
Abbie
Pastor Ed
Brandi
Jarrett



Alyssa Blazer was in the running for Troy Fair Queen. Even though she was not the winner, she will always be the winner in our hearts! We love you!

Great job Alyssa!! **The Beeman Family**
August 7, 2016



Church Picnic
2016



25 Great Instructions for Life

From the "Fishwrapper, August 19, 2014 Edition

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Memorize your favorite poem.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you", mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
6. Don't judge people by their relatives.
7. Talk slow, but think quick.
8. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
9. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
10. Call your mom.
11. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
12. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
13. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
14. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
15. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
16. Spend time alone with God.
17. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
18. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
19. Trust in God.
20. Do all you can to create a loving and harmonious atmosphere in your home.
21. In disagreements with loved ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
22. Pray – there's immeasurable power in it.
23. If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.
24. Remember that the best relationship is where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
25. Judge your success by what you give up rather than what you get.

Five Back to School Prayers for Kids and Grandkids

From crosswalk.com

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com

One of the best ways you can prepare your children this year as they go back to school is through [prayer](#). And praying Scripture over them is one of the most powerful ways to pray. Here are five back to school prayers you can pray for your kids and grandkids:

*** Prayers for Peace (Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6-7; Romans 5:1).**

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will experience the peace of God this year that exceeds all understanding. I pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You. I pray they will not only enjoy the peace of God, but peace with God. I pray they will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as they look to You daily for their needs. I pray that You will give them the capacity for joy that bubbles up from Your peace.

• Prayers for Protection (2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 46:1; John 17:15; Psalm 91)

Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over my kids (grandkids). Keep evil far from them, and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I pray You will make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognizing that You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help them to find rest in Your shadow, as they live in the spiritual shelter You provide for them. Let them know that the only safe place is in Jesus, and that their home on earth is only temporary.

*** Prayers for Purity (Psalm 51:10; Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:5; [1 Corinthians 10:13](#); Psalm 19:14)**

Lord, I pray that You will create in my kids (grandkids) a clean heart and that You would constantly renew a right spirit within them, keeping their thoughts and actions pure and motivated by love. Guard them from temptation, and let them know You are always faithful to give them a way out and help to endure. May the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts always please you and edify others.

*** Prayers for Passion (Psalm 42:1; Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34-35)**

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will develop a passion for the things of God. I pray they will hunger and thirst for You and Your Word and will love You with all of their heart, soul, and mind. Give them compassionate and generous hearts to love others as much as You love them. I pray they will always work and study with excellence, but that You will help them desire a servant spirit of greatness, rather than a worldly lust for success. I pray they will fall in love with Jesus over and over again.

*** Prayers for Perspective (Galatians 2:20; Matthew 28:18-20; Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:1-2; Ephesians 3:17-20)**

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will develop an eternal perspective and purpose, not an earthly one. Help them to see life—and every challenge—through Your eyes, eager and unafraid to share with others the good news of Jesus wherever they go. I pray that they will set their minds on things above, not just what's going on here, and that they will be rooted and grounded in Your love. I pray they will come to understand the extent of Your own love for them—that it surpasses all the head knowledge they will acquire in school. I pray they will be filled up with You from morning 'til night.

You Gotta Laugh!!

Parrot Dream Fulfilled

A gentleman went to an estate sale and noticed that one of the items for sale was a large parrot.

He always wanted a talking bird, so when it came up for bid he offered a starting bid of \$50.00.

The bidding proceeded hot and heavy with someone always bidding ten dollars more than he, until the parrot was sold to him for \$1500.00.

When he went to get the bird, he asked the auctioneer, "Can this bird talk?"

The auctioneer replied, "Who do you think was bidding against you?"

Two Guys Hunting

Author Unknown

These two guys used to go hunting with each other. One was positive and one was negative, every time.

The positive guy discovered something he didn't feel the negative guy could complain about. He discovered a bird dog that could walk on water.

They were having a great day. They hit a duck. It landed in the water. The dog walked on water to pick up the duck and brought it back. The positive guy was smiling and the negative guy was frowning.

They hit a second duck. The dog walked on water out to the duck and brought it back. The positive guy was grinning like a gopher in soft dirt while the negative guy was cold and sour. After they hit the third duck and the dog walked on water to retrieve it, the positive guy looked at the negative guy and said, "Haven't you noticed anything about my new dog?" the negative guy said, "I have only noticed one thing. Your dog can't swim!"

Everything in life is the way you look at it.

Fame

Author Unknown

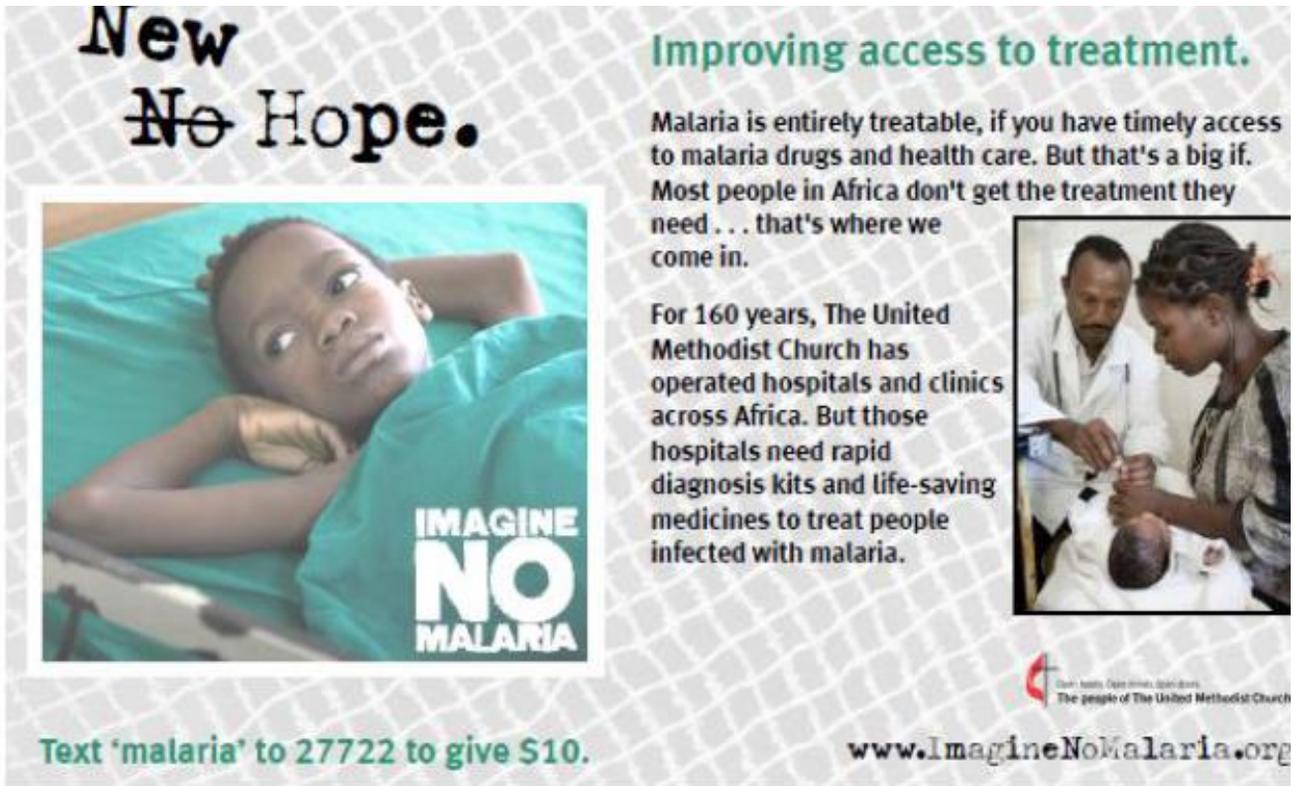
Three fellas were sitting around trying to put a definition on the word "fame."

One said, "Fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President."

The second fella said, "No. Fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President – and when the Hot Line interrupts the conversation, he doesn't answer it."

The third fella said, "You're both wrong. Fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President – and when the Hot Line rings, he does answer it, listens a moment, and then says: "Here, it's for you!"

Imagine No Malaria



**New
~~No~~ Hope.**

Improving access to treatment.

Malaria is entirely treatable, if you have timely access to malaria drugs and health care. But that's a big if. Most people in Africa don't get the treatment they need . . . that's where we come in.

For 160 years, The United Methodist Church has operated hospitals and clinics across Africa. But those hospitals need rapid diagnosis kits and life-saving medicines to treat people infected with malaria.

Text 'malaria' to 27722 to give \$10.

www.ImagineNoMalaria.org

Share health. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

The advertisement features a young girl lying in a hospital bed on the left and a medical professional examining a patient on the right. The text is set against a background of a white grid pattern.

In 2015 Malaria deaths were cut in half! Together, we have embarked on the largest-ever United Methodist health initiative. In 2015 alone, over 1.2 million people benefitted from the programs of Imagine No Malaria.

Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill a child every 2 minutes.

But, there is hope! Imagine No Malaria is part of a global partnership and together with our partners; our generation can beat malaria once and for all. By improving the ways people fight the disease using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation, we have already helped reduce malaria deaths by more than half. Imagine No Malaria combines integrated health infrastructure, education and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effects of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

Remember, we're not done yet! Malaria **IS** preventable, treatable, and beatable – let's finish the job! Text "malaria" to 27722 to give \$10 or go to <http://www.imagenomalaria.org>.

See Page 16 for more information.

Calls to Action:

Educate + Inform

Knowledge is power. Visit www.Imaginenomalaria.org to learn about malaria, what our church is doing to fight it, and how you can get involved today. Share this message with friends, family, coworkers, and others and invite them to get involved in this movement to change millions of lives.

Raise Funds

45% of the US Annual Conferences are involved in the fight against malaria through Imagine No Malaria. Because of this unprecedented connectional effort, to date the people of the United Methodist Church have raised nearly \$60 million by putting our faith into action.

Advocate for Global Health

We are not alone in this fight and many of our partners are supported in part or full by the US government. United Methodists are called to actively advocate for protection of funding for Global Health Issues, especially malaria. In recent years, federal budget cuts have jeopardized global health spending, but thanks in part to the voices of the people of the United Methodist Church, we've seen programs like the President's Malaria Initiative (begun under President Bush and now embraced by President Obama) protected even under the strictest of federal budgets.

Engage Your Community

Imagine No Malaria provides a wonderful opportunity for our congregations to throw the doors open wide and invite their communities in for an unprecedented effort to change the world by bringing a message of healing and hope through malaria prevention, treatment, education, and communication. As a result, congregations across the US have experienced vitality in mission and community outreach, in intergenerational synergy, and an increased financial support for the Church's budgetary needs and other mission projects.



Ice Cream Peanut Butter Chocolate Sauce

Recipe Courtesy of Dody Smith

Mix: 4 Tablespoons Cocoa
4 Tablespoons Flour
2 Cups Sugar
Dash of Salt

Add: 2 cups of milk, cook until it thickens, remove from heat and add 2 tablespoons butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and 3 tablespoons peanut butter, stir well.

Sunny's Midnight Mac and Meat Mug

Recipe Courtesy of Sunny Anderson

Ingredients:

1/3 cup elbow macaroni
1 slice deli ham, chopped,
or 1/3 cup chopped cooked chicken
Dash of italian, poultry or steak seasoning blend
1/4 to 1/2 cup heavy cream or milk
(but c'mon it's midnight, do the cream)
1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack Cheese blend
1 slice pepper Jack cheese, torn into bits
Salt and freshly ground pepper



Directions:

In a large coffee cup (if you have a “soup mug”, use that), add the elbows, deli meat, seasoning blend and enough water to cover the elbows by at least 2 inches. Cover the mug with a paper towel and place a plate underneath for the water that will spill over during the cooking process. Microwave on high until the elbows are tender, 4 to 8 minutes depending on the strength of your microwave. Carefully remove from the microwave and drain in a colander. Add the elbows and meat back into the mug.

To the same mug, add the heavy cream or milk, Cheddar-Monterey Jack Cheese, Pepper-Jack, a pinch of salt and a grind of black pepper. Microwave on high, checking and stirring every 25 to 30 seconds, until the cheese is melted and a sauce forms, up to 90 seconds. Serve warm and get back to binge-watching your favorite TV show!

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Tri- County Parish Events -September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Prayer Warriors 11am	1 <i>Emily Grace Wilcox</i> <i>Cecil Kneller</i> <i>Devon Beeler</i> <i>Sylvia Betzer</i>	2	3 Wedding at Shunk <i>John Ambrush</i> <i>Jenny Schmidt</i> <i>Tess Smith</i>
4 <i>Jackie Deljonavan</i>	5 Labor Day <i>Teresa Stimson</i>	6 CEP Ad. Council 1 pm <i>LaVonne McNett</i> <i>Alyssa Blazer</i> <i>Carl Sutton</i>	7 Prayer Warriors 11am <i>Carol Kneller</i> <i>Harry Fisher</i> <i>Don & Anna Mary Heller</i>	8 Ward Business Mtg. 7:15pm <i>Sarah Rockwell</i>	9 Bishop's Retreat Mtg. <i>Marge Wood</i> <i>Crawford Holmes</i> <i>Darwin & Phyllis Higley</i> <i>Roger & Joyce Castle</i> <i>Charles & Teresa Shedden</i>	10 <i>Kristi Robertson</i> <i>Dave Larson</i>
11 Grandparent's Day <i>Karen Coles</i>	12 Network of Ministers Mtg. 9 am <i>Donna Good</i> <i>Dick Turner</i> <i>Angela Sechrist</i> <i>James Tompkins</i>	13 CEP Monthly Dinner 5 pm Ham Loaf <i>Lida Parfitt</i> <i>Bobbee Wilcox</i> <i>Debbie Elliott</i>	14 Prayer Warriors 11am <i>Joan Davison</i> <i>Dana Vermilya</i> <i>Becky Kilmer Metzler</i>	15 <i>Dave Shedden</i> <i>Jeff & Angie Sechrist</i>	16 Constitution Day Citizenship Day <i>Brant Buchanan</i> <i>Rachel Schmidt</i> <i>Harry & Nancy Fisher</i> <i>Wayne & Mary Bronson</i>	17 <i>Beth Acampora</i>
18 <i>Barb Avery</i> <i>Cecil & Carol Kneller</i>	19 <i>Terry (Bassett) Seeley</i>	20 Pastor Jerry BOOM Mtg. 1pm	21 Minister's Network Breakfast 9 am Prayer Warriors 11am	22 Tri-County Parish PPRC 6 pm <i>Mike Harkness, Jr.</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Andrea Sutton</i>	28 Prayer Warriors 11am	29 <i>Dianne Stiles</i> <i>Dave & Maxine Shedden</i>	30	

All events are subject to change.
Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Tri-County Parish September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Canton Ecumenical

- 1- Emily Grace Wilcox
- 3- John Ambrush, Jenny Schmidt
- 9- Marge Wood
- 10- Kristi Robertson
- 12- Donna Good
- 13- Lida Parfitt, Bobbee Wilcox
- 14- Joan Davison
- 16- Brant Buchanan, Rachel Schmidt
- 17- Beth Acampora
- 20- Terry (Bassett) Seeley
- 22- Mike Harkness, Jr.
- 30- Dianne Stiles

Anniversaries:

- 9- Roger & Joyce Castle
- 16- Wayne & Mary Bronson

St. John's

- 1- Cecil Kneller, Devon Beeler
- 3- Jenny Schmidt
- 4- Jackie Deljonavan
- 5- Theresa Stimson
- 6- LaVonne McNett, Alyssa Blazer,
Carl Sutton
- 7- Carol Kneller
- 9- Crawford Holmes
- 12- Dick Turner
- 16- Rachel Schmidt
- 18- Barb Avery
- 27- Andrea Sutton

Anniversaries:

- 7- Don & Anna Mary Heller
- 18- Cecil & Carol Kneller

Ward

- 1- Sylvia Betzer
- 3- Tess Smith, Jenny Schmidt
- 7- Harry Fisher
- 8- Sarah Rockwell
- 10- Dave Larson
- 11- Karen Coles
- 12- Angela Sechrist, James Tompkins
- 13- Debbie Elliott
- 14- Dana Vermilya, Becky Kilmer Metzler
- 15- Dave Shedden
- 15- Rachel Schmidt

Anniversaries:

- 9- Charles & Teresa Shedden
- 15- Jeff & Angie Sechrist
- 16- Harry & Nancy Fisher
- 30- Dave & Maxine Shedden

Shunk

- 3- Jenny Schmidt
- 16- Rachel Schmidt

Anniversaries:

- 9- Darwin & Phyllis Higley

**If you have corrections or additions to this list,
contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so we
can keep this list as accurate as possible.**

Lectionary September 2016

September 4: (The 16th Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 18: 1 – 11
Psalm 139: 1 – 6, 13 – 18
Philemon 1 – 21
Luke 14: 25 – 33

September:11 (The 17th Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 4: 11– 12, 22 – 28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 12 – 17
Luke 15: 1– 10

September 18: (The 18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9: 1
Psalm 79: 1 – 9 or Psalm 4
1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7
Luke 16: 1 – 13

September 25: (The 19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 32: 1–3a, 6 – 15
Psalm 91: 1 – 6, 14 – 16
1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19
Luke 16: 1, 19 – 31



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