

# NEWSLETTER

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## Feed My Sheep

This month our gifts of food will be shared with the **Martinsburg Children's Shelter** on Paynes Ford Road. The shelter was opened to offer housing to children of all ages who have been placed in foster care by the courts.

As always, when thinking of gifts of food, think of the staples of life. Pastas, soups, canned goods all are appropriate. Think about kids and most likely you will have a pretty good idea about what to buy.

## Acolytes and Crucifers Needed!

Our list is depleted by birthdays, transfers and a hundred other reasons. We need young people to serve in this important way in the church.

Acolytes should be in 1st through 6th grades, although special arrangements may be made.

Crucifers should be in the 7th grade and above.

If you are interested in joining these two areas of service, contact the Director Mike Noll (267-6383 or mnoll@hughes.net) or the church office.

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING!**

## Choir Member Party August 28 - 5PM

At the home of Harriett and Bruce Eyer (1017 Winchester Avenue in Martinsburg). Bring a covered dish and/or dessert! All choir members and their spouses or significant others are invited.

## We're Looking for Ushers! How About YOU!!

For both services and especially 2nd service. Molly Harpel (264-9292).

## Celebration and "An Old-Time Gospel Hymn Sing" August 21st - 8:30 and 11AM

There will be special hymn singing and musical accompaniment by Paul Wangerin, Joe Brookreson, Heather Watkins and Jerry Crites before and throughout the services of the day. Old favorites such as *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, *Are You Washed in the Blood* and *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* are some of the pieces being offered. There are a number of others being explored so don't miss this opportunity to remember the songs that helped make this country.

*Everyone appreciates something a little different every once in a while and I think this will "fit the bill."*

If you have a favorite old-time favorite hymn you would like to hear, pass the request to the church office or to one of the musicians. It just might happen on August 21st.

## Ice Cream Social Report

\$200 was collected through the free-will offering at the recent "Sundae" Sunday event. That gift will be forwarded to the Grove Center for use in their programs of work and support for physically challenged members of the community.

Thank you Andrew Banks, Michael and Allie Janney and Sally Jenkins for all you work in bringing this event together.

## New Choir Season to Begin Wednesday, August 31st

All members of the congregation are encouraged to consider joining either the early or late choir. Rehearsals begin at 6:30PM and normally last to 8PM. Prior musical experience is not required! However, you must have a love of music and singing.

For more information, please contact our choir director Heather Watkins on any Sunday morning.

## First Communion Instruction Given to Three in July

Due to special needs three members of the parish completed this course last month. They were Anna and Jordan Northcott and Myranda McQuaid. The Northcott sisters will be returning to live with their mother in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Myranda will also be returning to live with her mother.

# From the Parish Register

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



### Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, July 24 Jenna Nicole Taylor was confirmed in the presence of the congregation at our early worship service. Mrs. Kandi Ruth served as Jenna's church sponsor and introduced her to the church during the service.

Jenna's dad Charles is owner of Taylor Sports and Recreation, which sells playground and recreation equipment. Jenna's mom Lori is the Sales Representative for radio station WRNR. The Taylors lives on Caledonia Drive in Martinsburg.

As you may recall Jenna missed our regular confirmation in June due to illness. On the day of confirmation she was hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Washington D.C.

### St. John's Vacation Bible School

Our director Erica Propst and her staff of teachers, helpers and assistants put on a wonderful event. Sixty-five children were enrolled and on several nights we had 120 people present counting parents and friends. St. John's educational building was a busy place indeed.

The pictures included show a scene from the school's outdoor activity night, while the other is from our final night of singing and farewells.

This year's theme centered around the "Big Apple" and New York City was well explored by the school's food menu, class activities and outdoor experiences.



### 1st Social Ministry Scholarship Awarded



On Sunday, June 5th, Lauren Taylor was awarded the first scholarship from our Social Ministry Committee. In the picture from l-r: sister Jenna, Lauren, Mom Lori, committee chairperson Ken Cottrill and Dad Charles.

The committee set up the \$500 scholarship to be awarded annually to a member of the congregation, regardless of age, with the stipulation that it be used for continuing education. It was not limited to use in colleges or universities but to any form of continuing education.

Four members of the parish applied and we hop that next year there will be a greater interest. If you are interested in supporting this project of the church, you can contribute to the scholarship fund directly through the weekly offering. Depending on the level of funding available, it is possible additional scholarship will be offered.

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## New Choir Season

The new choir season will begin with rehearsal on Wednesday evening, August 25, 6:30-8PM in the chapel. The choir is looking for new members and they are very anxious that each member of the church hear their invitation to join them in singing to the Lord.

Music is a magnificent segment of worship and choir singing is especially glorious. Please think about sharing your voice with our choirs!

## Visit Our Church Library!

*Recently a number of new books and DVDs have been added to our library. Please take a few moments to check out this important resource for the congregation's families.*

## Scrip orders are due every Sunday!

The order box is in the Lounge along with order forms and a list of participating retailers. Thanks for your support!

**A Special Sunday of Worship,  
Celebration and  
"An Old-Time Gospel Hymn Sing"  
Sunday, August 21st at both services.**