

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday School Summer Recess

Our Sunday School will hold its final session on Sunday, June 19th. Students and teachers will return on Sunday, September 11th which is **RALLY DAY** and the beginning of a new year of learning our Lord.

## Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month's gifts will go to **BETHANY HOUSE** located on John Street. This facility is part of Community Networks and exists to help provide shelter for women from abusive situations along with their children.

Remember to include the usual staples in your gifts. Canned and packaged food items. Pasta, soups, peanut butter, jelly, etc.

## Parents Day Recognition

During the Sunday School hour on June 19th we will recognize this year's Mother and Father of St. John's. As always we have had a spirited balloting system and many are anxiously awaiting the results.

Refreshments will follow the program. I hope to see you there at 9:45AM June 19th!

## RELAY FOR LIFE Activities

This year's activities will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5 at Coburn Field located by Martinsburg High School. St. John's will not have a team this year due to our inability to identify a chairperson, however, everyone is encouraged to support the program in every way possible.

Contributions from the church this year have been \$630.50.

## THANK YOU!!

Thanks to your generosity we have met our goal of paying for replacing the church roof. \$18,825 has been received for the project and the "Raise the Roof" fund is now complete! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

## Recognizing Our Graduates

Nine members of the church were recognized Sunday, May 22nd for their academic achievement. This is a special achievement in the lives of our young, their families and their family of faith. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

High School graduates: Laura Jenkins graduated from Hedgesville and will be studying nursing at WVU. Kristen Kirkpatrick graduated from Muselman and will be attending WVU in the fall. Taylor Frankenberry graduated from Martinsburg High School and will be attending WVU.

We should also mention that one of our former members, Tami Hall, graduated from high school in Roanoke Virginia.

College and University graduates: Jeremy Horner received a B.S. degree in Political Science from Shepherd University. Christian Palmer received a B.A degree in History from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and is currently working as a youth counselor. Betsy Shewbridge received her B.S. degree from WVU in Fashion Design and Marketing and is working at the Martinsburg Mall. Laura Orr received her B.S. degree in Nursing from West Virginia University. Tiffany Noll received her B.S. degree in Nursing from Shepherd University and is currently working at Winchester Medical Center.

Michael Janney received his Master's Degree in Human Management from American Public University where he currently is working.

Congratulations to all and accept your fellow members' best wishes for a bright and successful future!

## Remember Vacation Bible School

**July 10-15 5:15-7:30PM**

(A light meal will begin each session)

This year's theme is **Big Apple Adventure**. Students and teachers will be heading to the "Big Apple" to learn about stepping out in faith beginning with a relationship with Jesus and then connecting with a life that shares the message of Christ with the world. It will be a week of learning Bible stories and verses, participating in exciting activities, singing fun songs, eating wonderful food and so much more! **SEE YOU IN THE BIG CITY!!!**

**\*REMEMBER YOU CAN REGISTER FOR BIBLE SCHOOL ON LINE AT**

[http://vbs.lifeway.com/vbs2011/your\\_vbs/mychurch/?id=18508](http://vbs.lifeway.com/vbs2011/your_vbs/mychurch/?id=18508)

## Vote Now for Mother and Father of the Year!

**Ballots can be obtained in the church office.**

Please remember that past recipients are not eligible. If you are unsure of past recipients, their names on the plaques in the hallway of Luther Hall.

## Thank You Confirmation Sponsors

This year the following members of our Church Council served as confirmation sponsors: Kandi Ruth sponsored Jenna Nicole Taylor, daughter of Charles and Lori Taylor and Teddy Roberts sponsored Zachary Blackall, son of Scott and Arlene Blackall.

## Our Choirs on Summer Break

The final performance of our choirs will be Sunday, June 26. They will return in September. Enjoy the summer!

# Pictures from Recent Church and Sunday School Activities



## Sunday School Easter Play

On Sunday, May 1, the members of our Sunday School presented a “modern” Easter play. Linda McQuaid (to the right) was the director and prime motivation behind the effort.

She reported that there were many in our Sunday School who wanted to do something of their own to celebrate Easter and this play was the result.

It was our first effort and was very well received by the congregation. Thanks everyone for your effort!!!



## Tea Social

The members of our Social Ministry Committee provided a congregational tea on Sunday May 22 following the 2nd service. It was done to say “Thank You” for never saying “no” when called upon to serve the church. Thank you to all the cooks dish washers, cleaners, service leaders, committee members, nursery volunteers. THANK YOU!



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**Last Day of Sunday  
School  
June 19th!**

See you on  
September 11th for RALLY DAY!

## The New Church Shed



The shed will take up the final parking space on the left of the lot near the wall of the old Newberry building and on the playground side of the lot. The hill will be lowered somewhat and steps and a new sidewalk will be installed to help with reaching the rear of Luther Hall. Work should begin very soon on preparing this area of the new structure.

**The beautiful mural in the main room of Luther Hall was painted by Kandi Ruth!**