

# New Friends and New Beginnings

We welcome Casilynn Aiken to our fellowship. She premiered to a full house of friends and family celebrating her baptism. She was presented by her parents Patrick and Valerie. We wish them all the blessings of Christ's Love.



We also welcomed Gary Kocher, who accepted full membership into the congregation. Standing up for Gary is his mother Stephanie.



## Spring Break(out)

"For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come" (Song of Solomon 7:11-12)

"I'm sick of the cold weather; I can't wait 'til spring is finally here." I can't begin to count the number of times I have heard people say this or something similar in the past few months. This is an exciting time of year. There's something special about seeing the first pansies and daffodils in bloom, about wearing a lighter jacket, instead of a heavy winter coat, and for us vegetable gardeners, about finally being able to start those first seedlings, even if they do have to be started indoors.

In springtime, we seem to break out of our winter doldrums. As the sun continues to shine into the evening; we seem to have more energy and want to break out of what has become our dull winter routine.

Spring is a great time to break out of our routine as far as our Spiritual life goes as well. If you haven't gotten out much because of the cold weather, now is a good time to come back to Sunday morning worship. It's a great time of year to begin a time of daily prayer and devotional reading. (If you already partake in these practices, why not move your devotions outdoors in the nice weather?) Come on out for Bible Study, either weekly or on the first Thursday of the month for our new men's and women's groups. Or consider using your talents to help others at the food pantry, helping the children in Sunday School, singing in the choir or working on projects with the United Methodist Women.

No matter what you decide to do, the change in routine is sure to put a spring in your step and the love of Christ is sure to warm your heart. -Pastor Gern

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### Special points of interest:

- *Dare to Be Uncommon*
- *Sunrise Service and Breakfast*
- *Food Pantry Easter Baskets*
- *Kids Movie Night*



## Missions Update

### Mission Giving Update

**January**-Green Creek Bethel Food Pantry \$171.00

**February**-The Neighborhood Center \$281.00

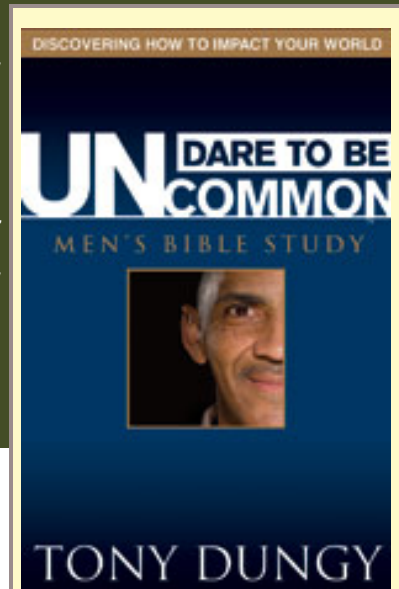
**March**-One Mission Society (BJ and Andrea Williamson) \$243.00

**March**-UMCOR-\$245.00

**Dennis and Michele Craker** will be our guest speakers at our worship service on Sunday, April 10th. The Crakers are with the World Gospel Mission serving in Asia. They will be sharing their many years of experience with us. A love offering will be taken during the service.

## Easter Sunrise Service

Kent Schellinger will serve as speaker during on Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 24th at 6:00 am. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service. We will hold our regular Sunday service at 9:00 am.



Tony Dungy's Book "Uncommon" is the basis for the new monthly men's Bible Study the first Thursday of Each Month beginning April 7th. See Kent or Leland Schellinger so we can order enough study guides.

### THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN: Our Problems, His

Presence...is based on 2 Corinthians 4:18: "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (NIV) Many times you and I are besieged by problems that threaten to undo us: fear, failure, rejection, sickness, despair, etc. Mechanically, we tend to respond to the problem itself, to the trouble we so clearly see. What we fail to observe is the **Unseen**: the power, promises, and presence of a loving God. **THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN** was written by Jerry Crossley, a pastor of churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for half a century. He now serves as Chaplain of The Shores at Wesley Manor, a United Methodist Retirement Community in Ocean City, NJ. There we reach out to people of every faith -- and none -- with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The book may be purchased by calling WinePress Publishing at 1-877-421-7323 or online at [www.WinePressBooks.com](http://www.WinePressBooks.com). You may also call the author at 609-465-8055 or email him at [juliejerry@verizon.net](mailto:juliejerry@verizon.net).

## UMW News

*We plan to fill 24 Easter baskets to be given to the clients of our Food Pantry who have children. If you can help, we would appreciate donations of individually wrapped snack or candy items, juice boxes, pretzels, etc. Please leave your donations on a table in the social hall by Sunday, April 17. We will be assembling the basket on Monday morning, April 18. You are welcome to come and help at 10 a.m. The April Food Pantry date is Wednesday, April 20. Mother/Daughter Dinner...Tuesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. We are preparing our own baked chicken dinner this year. There will be a sign-up sheet to tell us how many you plan to bring to the dinner. There will be a space for you to fill in if you are able to help provide some part of the food items. The chicken will be baked in the church kitchen. Cost of the dinner will be \$10. Plan to join in the time of fun, food, and fellowship. Look for further information in the Sunday church bulletins.*

# Coming Events

## April

April 1st 7:00 pm United Methodist Women-Social Hall  
April 7th 7:00 pm Men's Monthly Bible Study-Social Hall  
April 7th 7:00 pm Women's Monthly Bible Study Social Hall  
April 8th 7:00 pm Movie Night for Kids—Social Hall  
April 9th 7:00 pm QUIZZO Night at the Church Social Hall  
April 10th 9 a.m. Denny and Michelle Craker  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall  
April 18th 10:00 am Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Food Pantry-Basement  
April 21st 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall  
April 24th 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast  
April 28th 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall

## May

May 3rd 6:00 pm Mother Daughter Banquet-Social Hall  
May 5th 7:00 pm United Methodist Women-Social Hall  
May 5th 7:00 pm Men's Monthly Bible Study-Social Hall  
May 6th 7:00 pm United Methodist Women-Social Hall  
May 7th 10 am Earth Day Booth at the County Park  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Food Pantry-Basement  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Bible Study-Social Hall

## Special Events Calendar

Goshen UMC invites you to join them at 7:00 pm on Mondays for a video- based study of the Apostles.

Volunteers are needed to help with the food pantry at times other than when the pantry is open. We need people to inventory the supplies and reorder each month and to take the order to Shop Rite for pick up the next day. We also need someone to pick up food collected at Community Church. See Pastor Gerri or Stephanie if you can help.

Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry Clients: The UMW is requesting donations of individually wrapped snacks (pretzels, cookies, candy, gum, etc.), juice boxes, peanut butter crackers, small Easter toys, etc. to fill Easter baskets of children whose families use our food pantry. Donations can be left on the table in the social hall. Donations should be in by April 17.

Next Week's First Sunday Offering will go to UMCOR's One Great Hour of Sharing. See insert.

On April 10- Missionaries Denny & Michelle Craker will be visiting us and speaking at our 9:00 a.m. service. A second offering will be collected for their ministry.

Save the Date: The Sunday School is sponsoring a movie night for kids on April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date II: April 9. Quizzo night at church. See flyers on piano.

Save The Date III: May 3 will be our annual Mother/ Daughter dinner, Details will follow.



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*"Casting all your care upon Him; for  
He careth for you" 1st Peter 5:7*

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## REMINDERS

Do you know which Republican lost the presidential race to John F. Kennedy? The name of Scooby Doo's owner? How many times the Phillies have won the World Series? If you can answer any of these questions (or if you have friends who can), then you could be a winner at

### **Quizzo Night**

Hosted by Bethel United Methodist Church  
Route 47 N. (at milepost 7) in Green Creek

**Saturday, April 9                      7:30 pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun for the whole family (children are welcome- playroom will be open). Bring your own team (3-8 people is best) or join one when you arrive. Winning team gets bragging rights and a basket of homemade baked goods.

