



Conyngham United Methodist Church

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September 2010

Happy New Year!

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Okay, okay! So, it may not be the beginning of the civic New Year but it is the beginning of the church year! With September comes the RE-LAUNCH of many of our programs and small groups and the BIRTH of new experiences and groups. After what may have seemed a long or short summer, September is an opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, greet new ones, and fall back and engage new routines and rituals that give our lives meaning and spiritually nurture us.

When asked recently, "What most do you miss over the summer and look forward to in the fall?" a member replied, "the camaraderie, friendships and baseball banter." "Whether you need them or not, just knowing that they're there." Another replied, "when we are finally back in that routine, when Sunday is Sunday again, things go best for me." "I love the history lessons and learning experience...it stretches me to think about things I wouldn't otherwise have considered."

With that, I would like to invite you to peruse the newsletter, mark down important dates and look forward to how you'll become re-connected and engaged this season.

And remember...

SEPTEMBER IS BRING-A-FRIEND TO CHURCH MONTH

If the worship, activities and prayer groups are important enough for you to look forward to coming back to, don't forget to invite your friends! Don't forget to invite that stranger you meet that needs a good word - for in so doing - you might just help them save their life and meet the Lord for whom they've been longing.

Pastor Lorelei



September Worship Leaders

September 5

Greeter: Dodie Dalstad
Head Usher: Heather Groce
Liturgist: Joe Racho
After Service Coffee: the Dalstads
Counters: Gerry Cromley/ Jean Luchi

September 12

Greeter: Irene Healey
Head Usher: Heather Groce
Liturgist: Debbie Cara
After Service Coffee: Rally Day
Counters: Irene Healey/ Don Matthey

September 19

Greeter: Betty Buffington
Head Usher: Heather Groce
Liturgist: Tom Burns
After Service Coffee:
Counters: Tom Burns/ Jeff Wolfe

September 26

Greeter: Youth
Head Usher: Heather Groce
Liturgist: Billie Shaffer
After Service Coffee:
Counters: Bob Vaber/ Mike Whitaker

Flowers

September 5: Rod and Geri Currier in celebration of their anniversary

September 12: Mr. & Mrs. Brad Young in memory of Brad's parents

September 19: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Catherman in memory of parents

September 26: OPEN

If you would like to provide flowers on this date, please call the church office at 788-3960.

Lectionary

09/05/10 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

09/12/10 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

09/19/10 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

09/26/10 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 32:1-3 a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

*Please pray for the following
in your daily devotions.*

Kayla Baucum, the Sheffley family, our military, Bob Burger, John Kubida (Gale's husband), Chuck Kerschner, Alex O'Donnell, Patricia and Pat Foley, Grace Bittenbender, Jennifer Flores, Danny Sampson, Carol Chyko, Kristen Ziller, Richard Allhusen, Pattie Costill, Bruce Gestie, Michael Nealon, Jim Jumpeter, Daniel Thomas, Molly, Andrea Strickland, Mary Lou and John Zamba, Harold and Madge Ervin, Kelly Orlando, Thelma Brown, Janet Cherba, Wesley Collins, T. Custer, Christopher Boyer (Pastor's son), Kay Cenzar, Nancy Winters, Sandy Honis, Richard Marsch, Evelyn Horwath, Jack Lions, Chuck Tarone, Connie Spadell, William Muma, Bill Hugenbruch, Casper Meck, Cindy Corra, Harry Hummel, Mary and Bob Kisatsky, Pastor Lorelei's grandfather - The Rev. Thomas Anderman, Jay Wetzel, LuAnn Kline, Frank Myers, Betty Shaffer, Miranda Freeman, Ken Hummel, George Waschko III, Charlene Waschko, and Michael Waschko.

Please pray daily for your church, Pastor Lorelei, its leaders and staff, the Red Bird Mission Clinic, the Red Bird Mission School, the Landis Church, the Moringa Community Project, the Salvation Army, Rev. Sally Ott (LUMINA), and Rev. Joanne Young of the Hazleton Enlarged Ministry. Also pray for the leaders of our country and military personnel.

September Birthdays

01-Sep	Rick Hummel
05-Sep	Ingemar Dalstad
07-Sep	Carl Wolfe
10-Sep	Gary Skuba
11-Sep	Charles Catherman
11-Sep	Jessica Washick
13-Sep	Haley Yost
13-Sep	Ben Topolski
14-Sep	Heidi Klein
16-Sep	Billie Shaffer
18-Sep	Scott Miller
19-Sep	Gary Wolfe
19-Sep	Cindy Seiwel
21-Sep	Alexandria Lilley
22-Sep	Sally Kijanka
22-Sep	Dorothy Bassett
22-Sep	Dave Carswell
23-Sep	Carl Flaim
27-Sep	Leon Buffington
30-Sep	Noah Ferris

September Anniversaries

01-Sep	Patrick and Patricia Foley
02-Sep	Jeff and Robynn Ferris
06-Sep	Robert and Rita Washick
12-Sep	Rod and Geri Currier
12-Sep	Rodney and Jill Hawk
30-Sep	Jay and Julie Morgan

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

It is with great sadness that we write of the passing of one of our congregation's great servants.

Lucille Kuchar passed away on July 31, just two weeks after her husband Mike had passed away. Lucille had a wonderful following amongst the younger crowd in the congregation.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

On August 4, the church email address changed to conynghamumc@ptd.net.

Worship Service Time Change

Our worship service time will change back to 10:30 am on September 5th.

UMW

The United Methodist Women will gather at Tom's Kitchen at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7 for lunch, conversation, and a business meeting. Reservations should be made by Sunday, Sept. 5 on the signup sheet in the social hall. Conversation lasts longer than the business meeting!

October Birthdays

01-Oct	Maria Racho Everitt
02-Oct	Adam Young
05-Oct	Rashawn Klein
05-Oct	Dylan Piccola
06-Oct	Donald Matthey
08-Oct	Meredith Burns Welle
08-Oct	Lindsay Washick
09-Oct	Vivian Luchi
12-Oct	Irene Healey
13-Oct	Rev. Lorelei Toombs
13-Oct	Shyanne Klein
14-Oct	Jean Luchi
17-Oct	Pat Foley
19-Oct	Barry Jones
20-Oct	Cole Yost
22-Oct	Sharon Malenovitch
24-Oct	Jill Hawk
24-Oct	Vicky Wolfe
24-Oct	Jeff Klein
25-Oct	Cole Brownson
26-Oct	Lucille Smith
29-Oct	Alverdia Heckrote

October Anniversaries

08 Oct	Brian and Denise Earley
09 Oct	Jeff and Vicky Wolfe
10 Oct	Tony and Pat Minots
11 Oct	Burton and Carol Seiwel
11 Oct	Gilbert & Grace Bittenbender
12 Oct	Bradley and Wendy Young
14 Oct	Steve and Brandie Cesari
16 Oct	Kevin and Marilyn Young
17 Oct	Larry and Becky Rossi

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Email

"If you have a concern with the church or its activities, please contact a member of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee or email conynghampprc@gmail.com.

Community Rewards

Thank you to the Cara family, the ShurSave Community Rewards Program, and your efforts. A check for \$101.91 has been received from the Rewards Program for January 1- June 30. If you know of someone who shops at ShurSave and has not picked a registered organization, please have him or her fill out a Community Rewards form and give it to Nancy. Three cents from every ShurSave and Western Family product is donated to our church.

Rummage Sale

As you are going through your closets, remember our Fall Rummage Sale will be held October 19th.

HOME MADE APPLE DUMPLINGS



The Rest Stop leads us in so many ways. Not only do we get to inspire, chat with, pray for, and feed travelers on I-80, but we often get to make a personal contact. This year, Kate Flaim spoke with a gentleman from Berwick. In the course of conversation with this man, he mentioned that he made and sold Apple Dumplings as fund-raisers. He gave Kate a brochure that was passed to me.

Since "dumplings" seem to be a favorite of many people, I made contact with him. His name is Tom Hower and the business name is, "Nothing But Dumplings." Tom began making dumplings 5 years ago and it has developed into a full time business. He is licensed and insured by the State of Pennsylvania for both liability and a food safety-servesafe certificate is on file.

All dumplings are made fresh with local apples. They are in containers that can be put into the microwave or in the oven. The dumplings can be frozen for several months and still have excellent quality. Tom sent a few samples to the church and they were taste-tested by a few members. Everyone enjoyed them.

We will be taking orders for these dumplings. There is an order form in the social hall. The dumplings will be delivered on Rally Day, September 12, and can be picked up after church. They are priced at \$3.50. This is a good time to treat yourself and take a dumpling to a friend or neighbor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Beverly Selby

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



It has been a vision of our church council for quite some time to organize a young adult Sunday school class. This year, along with our current adult Sunday school class, we will have a class so that parents of younger children and youth can attend Sunday School at the same time as their children. They

can become a part of a spiritual bonding by studying scripture with others. To add some spice to this class, Bob Vaber has agreed to lead it. If you wish to be a part of this adventure, just show up on Rally Day and prepare to be motivated in an exciting, spiritual way.

College Bound

Please keep our college students in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their education. They are:

Matt Cara is attending Pennsylvania College of Technology in their Aviation Maintenance Technology program. Matt will be staying at his new home:

5 Hetler Dr.
PO Box 440
Conyngham, PA 18219

Scott Cara is attending

Duke University
Box 92496
Durham, NC 27708-2496

Cindy Howe is attending Penn State Hazleton in their LPN Program.

Adam Quinney, age 25, is in his 2nd year of medical school at Nova Southeastern University in Ft Lauderdale, Florida. As time permits he does have hobbies, which he says relaxes him from the grueling studies. His hobbies are bowling, country line dancing, playing the piano, reading, cooking, and baking (which he is quite good at--better than mom).

His 2nd year involves studying "bugs" and "drugs", meaning bacteria and the medicines to fight them. He has been selected to be a T.A. (teacher's assistant) helping teach incoming 1st yr medical students. This is part of the Honors program he is in.

He welcomes any correspondence, although he regrets not enough hours in the days to respond. His email address is adam.b.quinney@gmail.com

Christopher Shaffer is attending Pennsylvania College of Technology in their Carpentry – Construction program. His address is:
1324 ½ W. 3rd St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Valley Food Pantry:

Our shelves are bare of: spaghetti sauce
beets
carrots
dish detergent

All donations of any non-perishables are greatly and gratefully appreciated.

10th Annual Human Food Chain October 17th at 9 am

Everyone is asked to put this date on his calendar. See the teachers and the October newsletter for more details.

MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund Committee truly appreciates the thoughtfulness and generosity of these contributors to the Memorial Fund through July:

In memory of Mary Kraft

John and Deborah Cara

Joyce George

Kathleen Kurtz & Mary Yack

Philip and Mary Ann Smith

Dorothy and Thomas Wellington

Esther Kapes

Joseph & Bonnie Racho

Thomas & Jane Burns

Thomas & Nancy Stark

Robert & Nancy Stark

Robert & Loretta Vaber

Jacque Wetzel

In memory of Mike Kuchar

William and Ann Roll

Bonnie Miller

Rosanna, Ronald & Carl Makuta

Diana James

Joseph J & Charlene Kuchar

Deborah Fletcher

Joseph & Bonnie Racho

Thomas & Nancy Stark

Dorothy and Thomas Wellington

Jeffrey & Vicki Wolfe & sons

Corey & Denise Wetzel

Robert & Loretta Vaber

Robert & Nancy Stark

Daniel & Carol Rymond

Marie Stark

Leon and Elizabeth Buffington

John and Deborah Cara

Ceil Woodring & Cheryl - Lorrie

Rosemary Hochenbury & family

Ronald and Connie Hofmann

Joseph & Barbara Kuchar

Greg & April Kuchar

Robert & Ruthanne Piccola

John & Florence Wojcik

Mission News

submitted by **Dodie Dalstad**

Red Bird Mission School Forced to Cut Grades K - 6

Sadly, the Red Bird Mission School, to which our church contributes a small amount through our mission's budget, has had to cut out grades K - 6 for this coming school year due to inadequate funding. The Board of Directors has voted to operate only grades 7 - 12. Over the past several years, a deficit has built up and the board of directors felt the need to make this cut.

The Mission is promoting its "Building on a Legacy of Faith" initiative as a vehicle for inviting new donors to a consistent, long-term support partnership with Red Bird Mission. They are hoping through earned and charitable giving to reduce the deficit and be able to resume the regular school schedule in the near future.

The Red Bird Mission School serves as a vital ministry in the heart of Appalachia. It is well known for its excellent academic standing, as well as a strong Christian witness in the area.



ON A LIGHTER NOTE

Can you believe that this is September's newsletter that you are reading? It seems the summer just flew by! Last Saturday I attended a choral reading seminar and most everyone there could not believe that it is time to get ourselves back in the groove with our choirs. We sang a lot of Advent and Christmas music, making me realize that it's really not that far away - the Christmas season! Here are the choir schedules:

Bell Choir - Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM. Voices in Bronze usually plays at least once a month in church. Voices in Bronze will be playing for the Bible Federation Convention here at the church on Saturday, October 16, in the afternoon.

God's Singing Kidz I - Beginning Thursday, September 16 - Ages 5 to 4th Grade will meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. This choir usually sings the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

God's Singing Kidz II - Beginning Thursday, September 16 - 5th Grade to 8th Grade will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. This choir usually sings at least one time during the month.

Senior Choir - Beginning Thursday, September 16 at 2:00 PM. This time is not set in stone. As of now, the members are able to come at this time. If there are some who work and want to join the choir, we can change this time. This choir usually sings the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month.

Summer Concert Series - The Liberty Band contacted me about playing in the gazebo on the Borough grounds in September. It will either be the 5th or the 19th. More will be in the bulletin and in the Conyngham News section in the paper for the date and time.

Jacque

Rest Stop Ministry

We recently received a card from Peg and Tom Boggs, travelers who stopped at our Rest Stop. They wrote, "This is just a note to say a warm thank you! for your hospitality at the rest stop. It was a wonderful break for food & fellowship (on a drive to N.J.). We loved the map idea too!"

Feeding the Flock Cookbooks

Get yours while they last! There are only 15 cookbooks remaining for sale at \$10.00 each. See Nancy or Billie.



Nursery

Thank you to Robin and others who have donated wonderful toys to our nursery. Thanks, also, to Robin and Steve Toombs for rounding up toys that were old or unsafe for the children.

OUR CONNECTION

Pocono Camp and Retreat Center is offering several youth and adult retreats. They include:
October 1-3 - Fall Into Fun Children's Retreat

grades 3-6

October 5-8 - Senior Adult Fall Retreat, adults 55+

Nov 5-7 Men's Wilderness Retreat

Nov 12-14 Growing Your Faith 2010 Jr. High Youth Retreat for Youth Groups

Dec 29-31 Jr. - Sr. High Winter Blast grades 7-9

Mar 11-13 Scrapbook Extravaganza

Mar 18-20 Confirmation Retreat

Apr 29-May 1 Fly Fishing Retreat ages 12-17
must be accompanied by parent.

Apr 29-May 1 A Dangerous Retreat Father/Son
Retreat, grades 3-8 with Dad

Other Area Events

Diamond UMC is hosting motivational speaker Kevin Littleton on Sunday, Sept. 5th at 12:30 pm. The topic will be "*Finding the Seeds of Greatness Within Us*". Call Kim Meyers at 401-3295 to make reservations that includes lunch.

Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Service: The

Bloomsburg Fair Vespers Committee will hold a vespers service on Friday, September 24th at 6:30 pm. Joseph and Lorraine Feola will perform Blue Grass gospel music. Rev. Dr. Thomas Salsgiver, former pastor of Wesley UMC, Bloomsburg and current District Superintendent of the Lewisburg District, will be the speaker. .



Small Group Ministries

by Billie Shaffer, Small Group Liaison

SISTERS

Laughter, a gift from God, comes to us through the sound biblical teaching of Women of Faith Conference 2008 DVD entitled *Infinite Grace*.

Come join our Sisters Group each Tuesday at 10:00 am for 6 weeks beginning September 14th.

We guarantee belly laughs along with spiritual insight and wisdom. After each presentation we have a group discussion. So try to make some sessions even if you can't make them all.

Hope to see you at Conyngham United Methodist Church. Afterward, anyone who can make it for lunch at a local restaurant is welcome to come along.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Whom shall I serve? In ancient times, the Hebrews faced that decision daily. The consequences of their choices are the stories that make up our Old Testament. In this series of lessons, beautifully filmed on location in the Middle East, we explore the turbulent history of Israel's prophets and kings and learn from their story how to build our own devotion to and trust in God.

You are welcome to join us as we begin our fall sessions on Wednesday, September 15th at 10:00.

Brothers in Christ

Join us this fall as we change back to our 8:30 am time slot every Saturday. We welcome you to our rewarding mornings of fellowship. Speak with Bob Vaber for more information.

Prayer Circle

Would you like us to pray for you, a family member, a friend or our nation? Would you like to join us in praying for others, praising God and thanking Him for answered prayers? Please join us at 7:00 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month (September 1 & 15) in the church library. Speak with the Vabers or Dodie Dalstad for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This wonderful ministry began 3 years ago in June of 2007 and 75 prayer shawls have been lovingly made and presented!! We thank Nancy Cromley, Dodie Dalstad, Liz Gatti, Paulette Laskos, Mary Lou Legg, Dottie Matthey, Edith Rothwell and Rachel Suchowieski for their hard work. If you would like to join this rewarding ministry, it begins again this September 9th, Thursday in the library. The next meeting will be September 23rd. Remember, even if you can't be present to knit or crochet, you can create these prayer shawls at home.

Softball

Our season has ended but our camaraderie continues! Did you cheer us on? Did you enjoy watching or hearing about our games? Want to join us next spring? Just talk with any of us and we'll tell you how much we enjoyed the season and we'll encourage you to join us next year!

Manager Beth Yost, Rob Yost, Jim and Cody Bannon, James Ancharski, Scott Cara, Steve Huey, Barry Jones, Brian Earley, Josh Flaim, Craig Radzwich, Bob Vaber, Lance Book, John Kluck, and Terry Jankouskas.

Bowling

Get ready to cheer for another sports team! Our bowlers are preparing for a fun season beginning September 14. Stay tuned... there will be a vacancy for you!! More details to come from *Ten Pin Pete*.

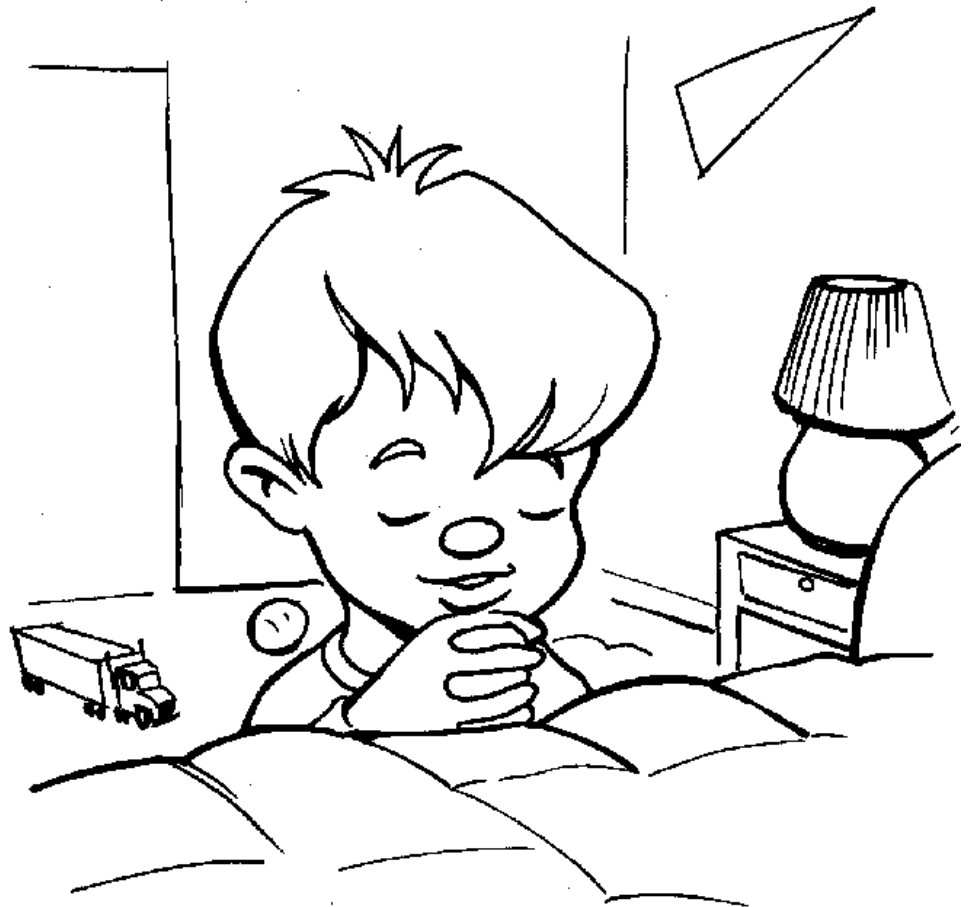
Crafts

Our ladies are continuing to have fun and fellowship each Wednesday from 9:00-12:00 creating lovely handmade items for our bazaar on November 6th. Anyone, who wishes to join, is welcome. If you have items you would like to donate to the bazaar, please see Mary Lou Legg or any of our crafters. These ladies are: Patricia Foley, Liz Gatti, Heather Groce, Paulette Laskos and Edith Rothwell.

Thank you for your service ladies!

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coloring picture for the youth courtesy of Pat Foley

School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Reading books with a friend."
- Boni Fulgham



Sunday School News

by First Mate Melissa Miller



Ahoy Mateys!

Rally Day is scheduled for September 12th at 9:00am. Please join us as we launch the Sunday School year with pirate themed games, crafts, costumes and goodies!!

We will continue with our food themed offering during the social hour after church. To go with our theme we will be offering food from the tropics. We appreciate any contributions that you are able to make and thankful to have so many great chefs in our congregation!

Sunday School Classes

The regular Sunday School schedule begins September 19th. Sunday School meets each week from 9:15-10:15 a.m. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

Nursery Class: Miss Topolski

Pre-K to 1st Grade: Mrs. Kate Flaim

2nd-5th Grade: Mrs. Wendy Young

6th-8th Grade: Mrs. Chrissy Brownson

9th-12th Grade: Mr. Bob Vaber and Mrs. Melissa Miller

Prayer Partners

Prayer Partners will finally be revealed during church on September 12th. Prayer Partner forms have been mailed to the Sunday School families. Please have each child complete their own form and return them ASAP! All forms must be returned by the end of September so that we are able to assign Prayer Partners in a timely manner. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for the upcoming year, please sign up in the social hall.

Trustee's Corner

Back after summer vacations, your trustees take up again the task of maintaining and improving our church and its property.

Our roof repair project continues to command center stage. Numerous proposals have been received and reviewed. An insurance claim remains open, pending an appointed structural engineer's report. Because the roof repair is obviously required and because the air-conditioning unit is located on the roof, a cost saving related air-conditioning update is being considered at this time as part of the roof repair project. A number of diverse plans-of-action are being developed for presentation to the Finance committee and Church Council.

*Trustees
Corner
by
Pat
Foley*



"Tang of fruitage in the air;
Red boughs bursting everywhere;
Shimmering of seeded grass;
Hooded gentians all a'mass.
Warmth of earth, and cloudless wind
Tearing off the husky rind,
Blowing feathered seeds to fall
By the sun-baked, sheltering wall.
Beech trees in a golden haze;
Hardy sumachs all ablaze,
Glowing through the silver birches.
How that pine tree shouts and lurches!
From the sunny door-jamb high,
Swings the shell of a butterfly.
Scrape of insect violins
Through the stubble shrilly dins.
Every blade's a minaret
Where a small muezzin's set,
Loudly calling us to pray
At the miracle of day.
Then the purple-lidded night
Westering comes, her footsteps light
Guided by the radiant boon
Of a sickle-shaped new moon."

- Amy Lowell, *Late
September*

Questions about the janitorial service have been raised and are being addressed. An improved Janitorial Checklist is being developed to improve the process as well as alleviate some safety concerns.

Doors: A deadbolt will be attached to the basement door as an additional safety measure. This is to prevent minors from entering the basement unsupervised. The Social Area Door has been adjusted because of complaints that it was closing too quickly.

The Annual Eastern PA Conference Safety Manual is being reviewed and its accompanying "Self Inspection Checklist" is being accomplished by John Selby for submission this October.

And closing with a cost savings note – our telephone system is now with Service Electric. Along with this conversion please note the recent Church email address change: **conynghamumc@ptd.net**

"Billie" has seen the light and joined the "Red Sox Nation" and is sharing the good news with Emma. Go Sox!!!



photo and caption by Red Sox #1 Fan, Bob Vaber

Here's a flashback of our Picnic in the Park on July 25th. These photos are courtesy of Beverly Kraft.

