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Seneca United Methodist Church
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Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. and Worship at 10:30 a.m.

It's Happening...

January 10 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
January 17 - Administrative Council Meeting
January 19 - CHRISTAR Meeting at Cranberry UMC
January 24 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
January 26 - Worship Committee Meeting
January 29 - Men's Breakfast
January 29 - Family Life Baked Potato Lunch
February 7 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
February 19 - Family Life Bowling
February 21 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service
February 26 - Men's Breakfast
March 6 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
March 20 - FROG, BIG Kids, Jesus & Me
March 25 - Men's Breakfast



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Can't join us for worship?
Visit our website to listen to
the sermon for that Sunday!

Click on the Worship tab
once on the website.

Happy Birthday!

January

- 1 Michael Erwin
- 2 Nicole McFadden
- 4 Stephanie Jones-Keith
Mike Stivanson
Frank Wade
- 6 Mason Kincaid
- 8 Frank Borland
- 10 Rebekah Stoltz
Pam Karns
- 11 Ryan Hanna
Brayton Rodgers
Melissa Kratzer
- 12 Jeff Babb
Doug Raybuck
- 13 Glenn Cowles
Aneisa Felmlee
Cameron Hoover
Violet Morrison
- 14 Sabrina Heim
Dick Kean
- 15 Carol Books
Brian Creighton
- 16 Kim Schubert
- 18 Ron Harkless
- 21 Judy Shreffler
- 24 Jodie Chittester
Hilary Sanford
- 25 Erin Weaver
- 26 Margie Hart
Corey McCullough
Bill Moon
Tom Shreffler
- 28 Kim Domer
- 29 Jim Harry
- 30 Connie Smith
- 31 Josh Harman

February

- 1 Joe Klingler
Karli Schneider
Bryan Schwab
- 2 Helen Miller
- 3 Bob Creighton
Kimber Rice
- 4 Robin Hart
Chester Metzinger
Jerry Wurster
- 5 Mark Belmar
Baylee Fry
- 7 Carter Best
Adeline Heald
Jeffrey Karns
Keelie Schneider
- 8 Debbie Adams
Kayla Hanna
Kelsey Hanna
- 9 Angela Capozzi
- 11 Ed Shreffler
- 12 Sandy Flumer
Richard Ziegler
- 13 Jessica Morrow
- 14 Jonathan Kincaid
- 16 Paul Harman
- 17 Vicki Babb
Jacob Creighton
Ty Felmlee
Chelsea Harman
- 18 Emma Piercy
- 19 Peggy Allaman
Harrison Keenan
Madeline Keenan
Betty Weaver
Connie Wile
- 21 Lorelei Keith
- 22 Jack Delahunty
Jessica Huffman
- 23 Linda Erwin
- 25 Cal Adams
- 26 Shari Sheatz
- 27 Will McSparren
- 28 Peggy Borland
Bill Schwab

March

- 1 April Moon
Margie Small
- 2 Wendy McKain
- 4 Claribel O'Neil
- 6 Megan Kratzer
- 7 Cayden Baker
Rose Marie Roush
Norman Sanders
Robby Shirey
- 9 Reagan King
Kimberly Ley
Carole Wurster
- 10 Pastor Bill Hastings
Jacqui Redenz
Liam Turner
Matt Weaver
Sam Weaver
- 11 Dan Welms
- 12 Susan Huffman
Lee Bunyak
Cynthia Comiske
- 13 Avery Keenan
- 14 Julie Harry
Ted Jones
- 15 Dolores Kean
Geraldine Nelles
Nancy Weaver
- 16 Ryan Buckholtz
Patricia Fry
- 17 Marcia Slye
Terri Witherell
- 18 Shawn McCullough
Linda Reynolds
Karissa Shoup
Jean Udovic
Fred Zeigler
Norman Ziegler
- 19 Joe Buckholtz
- 21 Sheila Kratzer
- 22 Ray Winger
- 23 Terry Reese
- 24 Karen Fry
- 25 Gretchen Stoughton
- 26 Greg Piercy
- 27 Julianna Beichner
Ryan Hughes
- 29 Caine Mitchell
- 30 Tyler Burns
Gary Sanders
Steve Sanders
- 31 Madolyn Boyd
Sam Lee
Kayla Nelson

Happy

Anniversary!

January

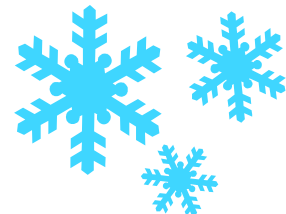
- 1 Otis & Mae Stover
- 5 Dale & Sally O'Neil
- 23 Dick & Dolores Kean
- 24 Phil & Betty Nuhfer
- 27 Anson & Margie Small
- 28 Terry & Donna Reese

February

- 4 John & Sue Voyzey
- 6 Pete & Gretchen Stoughton
- 12 Carl & Marcie Perry
- 14 William & Julianna Beichner
- 19 Jim & Julie Harry
- 20 Ken & Lanie Fry
- 24 Jonathan & Alexis Kincaid
- 28 Dick & Joan Mong

March

- 3 Chuck & Shari Sheatz
- 23 Don & Doris Myers
- 31 John & Doris Yeykal
Ted & Ruth Warner



Have we missed you?

**Please call the church
office to let us know!**



Thank you!!

Dear friends at Seneca United Methodist Church,

Your gift of the wheat sheath was a special surprise and blessing to our family. Dad really loved his years of membership at Seneca UM and his dear friends in the Men's Bible Class, as well as the boys in his Jr High Sunday School class. Many of his Seneca boys visited at the funeral.

Thank you for your memorial.

*Appreciatively,
Jo, Cindy, John & Jane
Family of John W. Hovis*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful sheath of wheat which you sent in the memory of our mom, Charlotte M. Adams.

When our family moved to Seneca in 1961, the Seneca UM Church quickly became an important part of our lives. Mom was a member for 50 years. She spent many happy and productive hours working for and worshiping in the SUM Church. One of her biggest disappointments was her inability to continue to attend church when her health began to fail.

Thank you for not forgetting our mother and for keeping her in your thoughts and prayers. Both Pastor Rob and Pastor Bill have been wonderful to mom and to us.

*Sincerely and love,
Carlotta Fox, Charles Adams and families*

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage... Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We, the staff of UMCOR, thank you for sharing your gifts this year. Your faithful giving enables UMCOR to respond to and meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable people around the world.

May peach be your treasure to open and share this season and all year through.

*Dear Pastor Hastings & Seneca UM Church,
Again, we are so grateful to God for you!*

We could not have our recital if it were not for your generosity!

Please accept this small token of appreciation. We understand the sacrifice you've made for us.

*God's blessings & love in Christ,
Pam O'Neil*

(on behalf of all the kids)

Skill Day

Saturday, February 4th

This is the date for the Franklin District Skill Day. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Greg Cox, Director of Connectional Ministries for the WPA Conference. The day will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin. Worship will begin at 9 a.m. followed by workshops. Closing worship will end at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. The cost for Skill Day is a real bargain for only \$5!



On October 1, 2011 Michael Erwin and Caryn Wright were united in marriage at Seneca UMC. CONGRATULATIONS!!



October 2, 2011 - Lauren Rosemary Heim and Jacob Russell Heim, children of Justin and Sabrina Heim. Younger siblings of Madison Buchanan.



Welcome
Our New
Members

Noah Hastings
Connie Smith
Patricia Fry
Leonard Fry
Carl Perry
Lindsay Perry

Carter Hastings
Geraldine Nelles
Karen Murphy
Tracy Bowser
Marcie Perry

Deaths

Margie Barber - Mother of Jane Hickman

Grace Blauser - Aunt of Gale & Bill Schwab

Renee Ellis - Wife of Pastor Pat Ellis

Darlin Hanna - Father of Eric Hanna

Ethel Sharpe - Grandmother of Jake Hoovler

Ron O'Neil - Grandfather of Shane, Kelly, Ryan & Megan O'Neil

Brook Stranford - Granddaughter of Nancy Turcotte, Cousin of Doug Hoover

Grandson of Ruth Roble

Clara Bell - Grandmother of Kim Best

Louis Blauser - Uncle of Gale & Bill Schwab

Bertha Ginnery - Grandmother of Tammy Flick

Lloyd HuLLings - Father of Chandra Felmlee

Dean Sheatz - Uncle of Chuck Sheatz

Rick Burchfield

Clair Exley, Jr.

John Hovis

Ella McNellie

Norm Rogers

Scott Thompson

Bill Capkovic

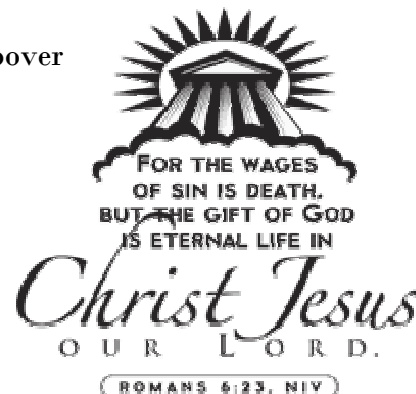
Carm Heasley

Marcia Lutz

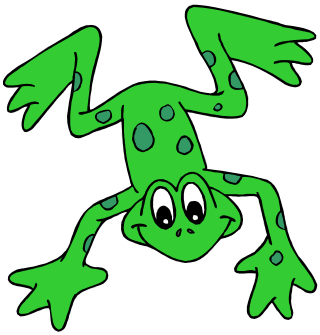
Bill Moss

Bill Ross

Norm Whitling



F.R.O.G. CLUB



This winter and spring the FROG kids will be studying the birth through the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It will be centered around the stained glass windows in our church. What a wonderful story is portrayed. Check out the windows and the symbols above them when you attend church each Sunday.

“Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27

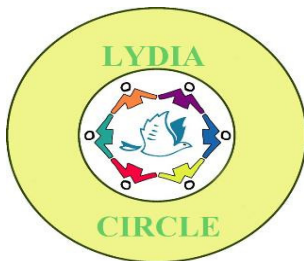
Don't forget to answer this question: “Where are you going when you croak?”



Boys to attend Extended Horse Camp
at Wesley Woods this summer!
Have questions about this camp?
See Harrison Keenan!



Now is the time to get your registration forms
in for Summer Camp!! SUMC will continue to
pay 1/2 the cost of attendance for those who
turn their registration forms into Joe Keenan
by March 15th.



Ladies - there will be no Lydia Circle meeting in January.

Meetings will start again in February and continue to be
held on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us!!



I CAN COPE

Cancer informational sessions offered by UPMC Northwest Cancer Center are being moved
to the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at Seneca Place (formerly the
Quaker State Research Center) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Each month will feature a different topic.

Any questions call Joyce Schwab at 676.7900.

Bible Study



Expense Reimbursement Request forms are now available online!!

Check out our website:

www.senecaumc.org

click on "Resources"

Our Wednesday Bible study will resume on January 11th at 7pm. Over the last several months we have studied the Gospel of John and then we examined "The Journey" of Mary and Joseph as an Advent study. Both of these studies provided opportunities for deepening our understanding of scripture, and our understandings of one another.

Our next study will be an examination of the New Testament Books of 1st and 2nd Peter. We do not have a study guide or text for this study, just our Bibles and our desire for the Holy Spirit to help our understanding. This study should last about 5 or 6 weeks which will bring us up to the Lenten Season.

All are invited to come and be a part of this study. There are no pre-requisites or qualifications needed. Just bring your heart ready to discover a deeper understanding of God's word. If you have any questions please call Pastor Bill at 676-1759 or email sumchurch@csonline.net.



What NOT to take into the New Year...

- * Self-Help Books - Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (see Proverbs 3:5-6)
- * Tape Measure - Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (see Luke 18:9-14)
- * Rearview Mirror - Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God's doing in your life now. (see Philippians 3:12-14)
- * Gavel - Stop wasting time judging others. Instead, pray for them, help them and team with them. (see Luke 6:37-38)
- * Life Vest - Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (see Matthew 14:22-33)
- * Garage Door Opener - We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (see Hebrews 10:23-25)
- * Handcuffs - Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through - and despite - us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (see Mark 6:35-44)

- Gregg McCaslin

Praise and Worship God With Singing

Calling!
Call for singers
or those who want
to serve our Lord with
**** singing and
You with song
may Yeah!
Join ***
choir *
any
time.
We...
want
you.

Sing the
1st and last Sundays
of the month, rehearse
the preceding Wednesday
night at 6-7 p.m. Your new
director, Lillian Drozdo.

ldsmile@usachoice.net
.....676-2217

Welcome!



ATTENTION EVERYONE!!

The choir has new music to present to you in our worship services. Anyone wishing to purchase an anthem for the choir to use in Sunday services in honor or memory of someone may do so at this time. Prices vary between \$35 and \$50.

Please make checks payable to Seneca UM Church to the attention of Lillian Drozdo, choir director.

Any questions, contact Lillian at 676.2217.

Please provide the following information when purchasing music:

- * Your Name
- * Address
- * Phone Number
- * Email
- * To whom the piece is to be
 - * in honor or memory
- * If you have a certain type of music or name of music that you prefer.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

The entire Hastings family is humbly grateful for your kindness and your very generous gift. This summer and fall has been a true blessing for us all and we are thankful that God has sent us to a congregation with such kind and generous hearts. The way that you have received us into your hearts and homes has helped us through what can be a difficult transition period.

Joanna and I are especially thankful for your care for our children (young men) in this time of transition. You have welcomed them as they are and you have begun to demonstrate to them the Christ-like love which we also have tried to instill in their hearts. They are pleased to be able to claim you as a part of their church family also.

You have a wonderful history of parsonage families whom you have loved, and who have loved you. Pastor Rob on many occasions had spoken very highly of you all, and I am proud to always report back to him that your love continues to shine in the world around you. We are proud to be a part of the line of pastors who have been blessed to be in ministry with you all.

Humbly we serve,
Pastor Bill, Joanna, Isaac, Carter, and Noah



Happy New Year!

2012 promises to be a year where God will do some incredible things in your life. That is a pretty bold, yet easy statement to make. It is easy to make because, in reality, God does some pretty incredible things in our lives on a daily basis. We sometimes don't always recognize that it is God at work in our daily lives, but I assure you he is there. As Christ tells us in the end of Matthew 28, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The reality of the situation is that many of you during the next year will have experiences where God will need to be fully in your midst. Some will celebrate transitions in life such as a new job, a wedding, the birth of a child or maybe even some will retire. While we look forward to those times others will be on a different path. This path will lead to the death of a loved one, a separation, a diagnosis of a very difficult disease, the loss of a job or other not so pleasant experiences. The truth in both of these sets of circumstances is that we need to remember that Christ has promised to be with us always even to the very end of the age.

During 2012 I want us to consider how we might be able to help and be that presence of Christ in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Often we find that there is a close link between times of joy and times of sorrow. If you have ever reached out to help a person or a family who has lost their home in a tragedy you will see the connection between sorrow and joy very clearly. There is great sorrow for their loss and there is great joy in their discovery that someone has cared enough to reach out in Christ to help get them re-established. In the midst of their tragedy they discover a new hope which translates into joy.

We need to jump into 2012 with both our hands and our feet. There is a lot to do in order to let others know that we serve a living Lord who is still present with us in this new year. I promise you that both joy and sorrow are there and ready to be shared with one another. As Paul wrote in Romans 12, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

Let's be the hands and feet of Christ in 2012. Happy New Year!

Let's get to work!

Pastor Bill